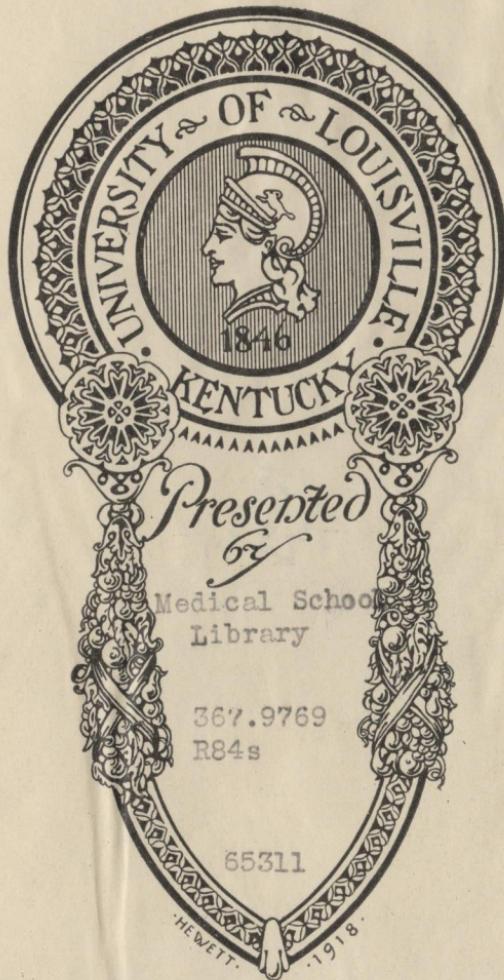
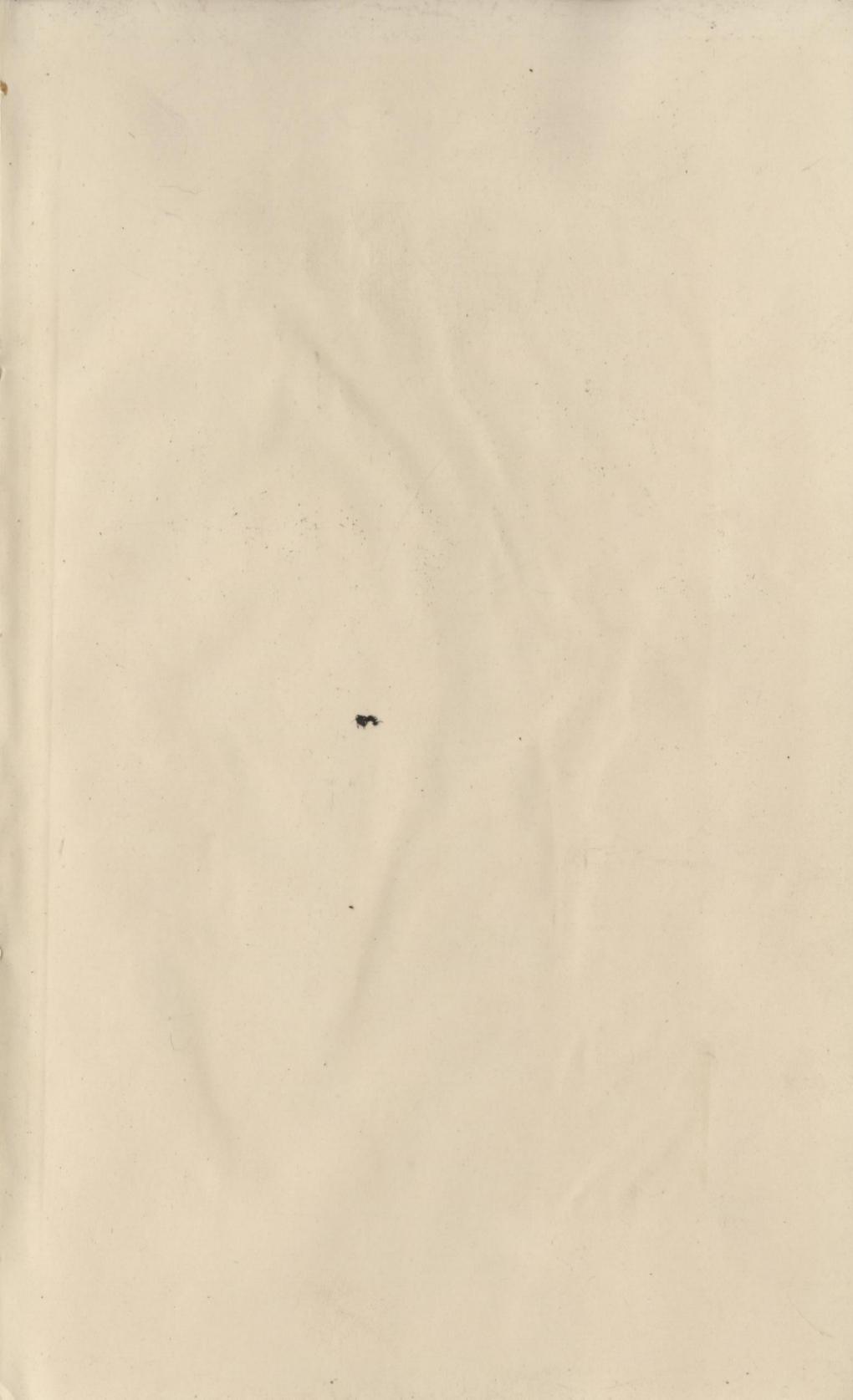


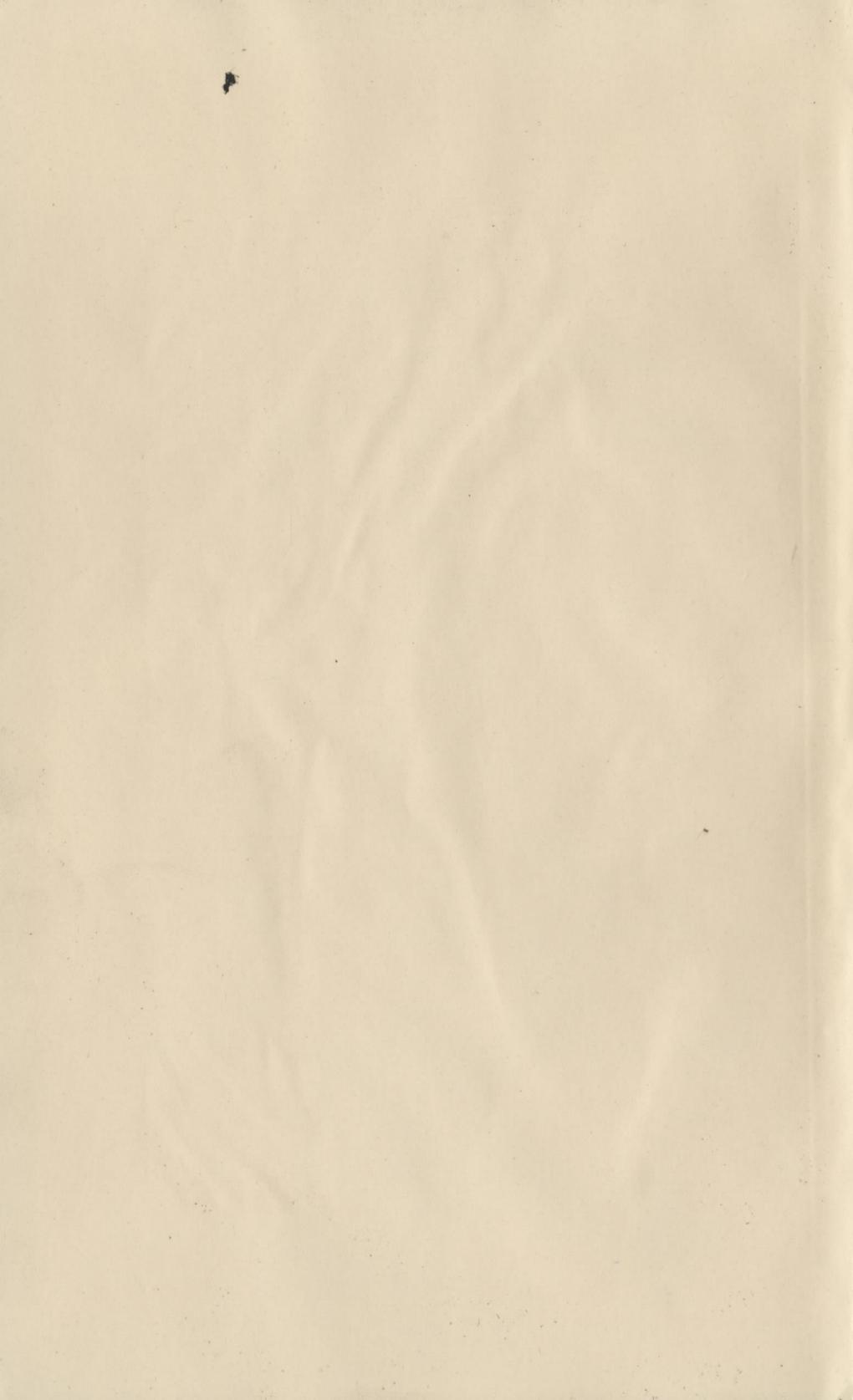


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ROTARY CLUB  
1912-1937











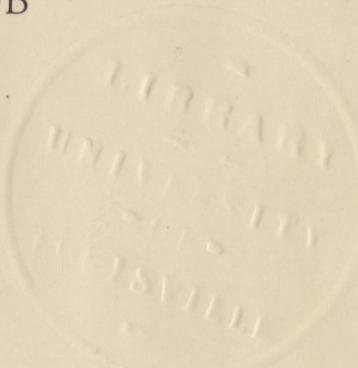
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*Rotary Club of Louisville*  
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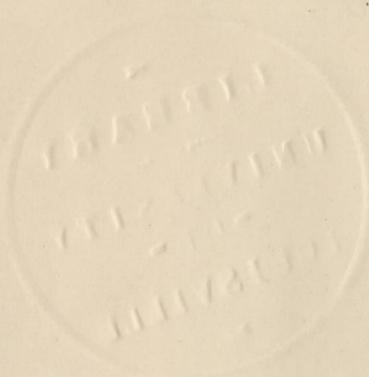
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## Foreword

This book commemorates the Silver Anniversary of the Louisville Rotary Club. It tells the story of the first twenty-five years in the life of Rotary in Louisville. We have selected the most significant activities and events, and combined them with certain historical facts.

Whatever we have done to advance the Philosophy of Service has been an achievement of the whole Club. Every member has made some contribution. If certain individuals have been mentioned, or praised, it has been because they were elected, or selected to serve. There have been many more in the Club who could and would have done just as much for Rotary.

Many whose names have not been mentioned have made an even greater contribution. The true story of Rotary's effectiveness does not lie in Club activities, but in the homes, businesses, churches, and community services of its members. In this, the whole membership of Rotary has played a worthy part in Louisville's history.

For those who have been a part of the first twenty-five years of Rotary in Louisville, we hope that this book may serve as a pleasant reminder of many happy and satisfying hours spent in developing a fellowship of business and professional men united in the Rotary ideal of service. For those who come after, we hope that this story may be an inspiration to keep the faith.

Rotary will live, because truth will live. Rotary's Philosophy of Service is a part of the universal truth.

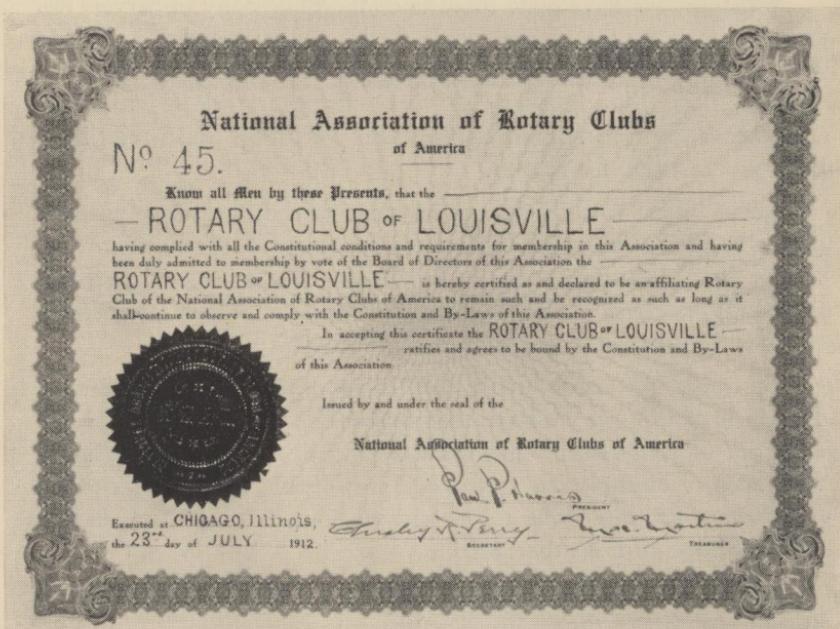
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*Editors*

*This book was presented to the Club at the meeting of February 24, 1938.*

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# CHARTER

## Louisville Rotary Club



Issued July 23, 1912

Accepted July 26, 1912

Paul P. Harris  
PRESIDENT EMERITUS  
Rotary International

10856 Longwood Drive  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

To my friends of the Rotary Club of Louisville  
greetings on the occasion of your twenty-fifth  
birth day. As you are passing the mile stone  
you will doubtless turn for a glimpse of the  
Course already covered. You will think of the  
friends who have come and gone leaving tender  
memories.

The achievements of the Rotary Club of Louis-  
ville, of which there are many, were the result of  
the sacrificial efforts of loyal men, the pioneers  
of your club are worthy of high praise. They  
demonstrated themselves to be men of high  
purpose and great courage. They are entitled to  
the gratitude of all who have reaped benefits  
from their efforts.

Rotary has come to stay; it has made itself  
at home in nearly all of the civilized countries  
and yet it is only at the threshold of its usefulness.

All praise to the man of club number  
forty-five, long may you live and continue  
your service in the interests of a better world in which  
to live. Sincerely yours

Paul P. Harris

Oct 11 - 37

Letter of greetings from Paul Harris, founder of Rotary, on occasion of twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of the Louisville Rotary Club. For text see page 11.



## Our Founders

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

(See Picture above)

1 JOSEPH BURGE  
FRANK P. BUSH  
C. OSCAR EWING

PAUL P. GAYLORD  
CHAS. G. HARRIS  
CLARENCE T. HAYDON

GEORGE E. HAYS  
JOHN J. SAUNDERS  
WADE SHELTMAN

### DECEASED WHILE MEMBERS

LAWRENCE L. ANDERSON  
JAMES CLARK, JR.  
LEE E. CRALLE, SR.

FLEET H. GOODRIDGE  
MILBURN P. KELLEY  
NELSON T. LITTLE  
JAMES C. MAHON

ROBERT A. McDOWELL  
A. S. RICE  
ENOS SPENCER

### FORMER MEMBERS

THOMAS E. BASHAM  
J. CLARENCE BOND  
FRANK E. GAINES  
GAYLORD C. HALL

C. H. HAMILTON  
EDWARD G. HEARTICK  
FRANK G. JONES  
F. W. LUND, JR.  
OWEN R. MANN

EDWIN M. RITTER  
THOS. F. SMITH  
H. H. SNYDER  
A. B. WEAVER

### DECEASED FORMER MEMBERS

L. H. AMRINE  
A. J. ANDERSON

ALLEN R. CARTER  
ARTHUR KAYE

A. T. McDONALD  
T. L. MCGILL

## The Founding of Louisville Rotary

Some time in December, 1911, or early in January, 1912, a newspaper published in Boston described the workings of the Rotary Club of Boston (this club had been established in 1909). T. L. McGill, C. H. Hamilton and Frank G. Jones, of Louisville, Kentucky, each read this article, and they were so impressed that they wrote letters to the Chicago office making inquiry as to how to organize a Rotary Club in Louisville. At that time they did not know each other. Chess Perry wrote separate letters to each of them and told them they had better get acquainted, and he outlined to them a plan of organization. Your librarian has these original letters on file, also a photostatic copy of the Boston article.

The first meeting held by these three men was on February 26, 1912, at the office of C. H. Hamilton, 400 Walker Building, Fifth and Market Streets.

The second meeting was held March 5, 1912, at the Louisville Hotel, with the following in attendance: T. L. McGill, C. H. Hamilton, Frank G. Jones, L. L. Anderson, A. S. Rice, L. H. Amrine, Dr. A. B. Weaver, Owen R. Mann and Phil Laib. The Minutes show that Phil Laib dissented. (He finally joined Rotary in 1932).

The third meeting was held May 20, 1912, at Klein's Restaurant. Those present: T. L. McGill, C. H. Hamilton, L. L. Anderson, L. H. Amrine, Paul P. Gaylord and Owen R. Mann.

The delay between the second and third meeting was occasioned by the sickness and death of the wife of T. L. McGill.

The three meetings outlined above were referred to in the Minutes as preliminary meetings.

The fourth meeting, May 27, 1912, at Klein's Restaurant, was styled as the "Temporary Organization."

The attendance was increased to eleven men who were ready to accept membership, as follows: L. L. Anderson, T. L. McGill, L. H. Amrine, Thos. E. Basham, C. Oscar Ewing, Paul P. Gaylord, C. H. Hamilton, George E. Hays, Nelson T. Little, James C. Mahon and Wade Sheltman.

L. L. Anderson was elected temporary president and C. H. Hamilton temporary secretary.

The fifth meeting was held on June 14, 1912, at Klein's Restaurant. A "Permanent Organization" was effected on this date with the following present: L. H. Amrine, L. L. Anderson, Thos. E. Basham, Joseph Burge, Lee E. Cralle, C. H. Hamilton, Arthur Kaye, F. W. Lund, James C. Mahon, T. L. McGill, S. M. Nones, Frank W. Quest, A. S. Rice, Wade Sheltman and Enos Spencer.

S. M. Nones and Frank W. Quest did not accept membership.

Officers elected: L. L. Anderson, President; A. S. Rice, Vice President; and C. H. Hamilton, Secretary and Treasurer.

At a later meeting on July 8, 1912, Enos Spencer was elected as second Vice President.

The sixth meeting was held June 21, 1912, at Klein's Restaurant. Those present were L. H. Amrine, L. L. Anderson, Thos. E. Basham, Allen R. Carter, C. Oscar Ewing, Paul P. Gaylord, C. H. Hamilton, Geo. E. Hays, Arthur Kaye, Nelson T. Little, Robinson A. McDowell, T. L. McGill, Enos Spencer, Wade Sheltman and Thos. F. Smith.

At this meeting the constitution and by-laws were reported by the committee and referred back for further consideration.

The seventh meeting was held July 8, 1912, at the Watterson Hotel and the constitution and by-laws were adopted.

The attendance: Frank G. Jones, James C. Mahon, Geo. E. Hays, Arthur Kaye, H. H. Snyder, Enos Spencer, C. H. Hamilton, Thos. E. Basham, Paul P. Gaylord, Lee E. Cralle, Owen R. Mann, Dr. Gaylord C. Hall, T. L. McGill, F. W. Lund, and T. C. Sharp.

The eighth meeting was held July 15, 1912, and the charter was applied for and was signed by sixteen active members: L. H. Amrine, L. L. Anderson, Lee E. Cralle, Paul P. Gaylord, C. H. Hamilton, George E. Hays, Frank G. Jones, Arthur Kaye, F. W. Lund, Jr., Jas. C. Mahon, Owen R. Mann, T. L. McGill, A. S. Rice, Enos Spencer, Wade Sheltman and Thos. F. Smith. This is what is known as the charter list and does not have the signature of the associate members.

The ninth meeting was held at the Tyler Hotel on July 19, 1912. The principal order of business was hearing the report of the membership committee on thirty-five names that they reported favorably.

The attendance at this meeting: T. L. McGill, Frank G. Jones, Paul P. Gaylord, J. J. Saunders, Dr. G. C. Hall, Frank P. Bush, L. H. Amrine, A. J. Anderson, Lee E. Cralle, H. H. Snyder, Thos. E. Basham, Enos Spencer, Jas. C. Mahon, Robinson A. McDowell, Arthur Kaye, L. L. Anderson and C. H. Hamilton.

The records show that up to September 9, 1912, only nine of the thirty-five elected at this meeting had qualified.

The tenth meeting was held at the Watterson Hotel on July 26, 1912, and was known as Charter Meeting. The attendance at this Charter Meeting is recorded as follows: Enos Spencer, Thos. E. Basham, Edward M. Ritter, Paul P. Gaylord, Arthur Kaye, M. P. Kelley, Chas. G. Harris, Geo. E. Hays, Frank E. Gaines, T. L. McGill, Jas. C. Mahon, Dr. Gaylord C. Hall, Frank W. Lund, Jr., A. T. Mc-

Donald, Frank P. Bush, Wade Sheltman, L. H. Amrine, Lee E. Cralle, E. G. Heartick, and C. H. Hamilton.

The records show that on Charter Night the membership totaled thirty-eight and only twenty were present to answer roll call. The President, L. L. Anderson, and the first Vice President, A. S. Rice, along with sixteen others, were absent.

Enos Spencer, second Vice President, presided at the meeting on Charter Night.

The first election after the 38 Charter members was Dr. Chas. W. Barnes, July 26, 1912.

The first resignation, Owen R. Mann, July 26, 1912.

The first death, Nelson T. Little, September 18, 1912.

There was no such thing as a membership committee until after the meeting June 14, 1912. The first Membership Committee was not a secret committee. Their names were published as follows: C. H. Hamilton, Chairman; George E. Hays, Arthur Kaye, Wade Sheltman and J. C. Mahon.

The above summary of the first ten meetings covers in brief the founding of the Rotary Club of Louisville.

*A part of talk delivered by Chas. G. Harris (Club Historian) at the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration.*

PROGRAM

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*Brown Hotel, October 14, 1937*

*Presiding:*

WILTON A. TERSTEGGE, President, Louisville Rotary Club

SONG—"America"

INVOCATION

By Rev. Peter Pleune

TOASTMASTER

Prentiss M. Terry

"FOUNDING OF THE LOUISVILLE CLUB"

By Charles G. Harris

PRESENTATION OF CHARTER MEMBERS

By Martin L. Schmidt

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

GREETINGS

ADDRESS—"Twenty-five Years in Rotary"

By Will R. Manier, Jr., Immediate Past President Rotary International 1936-37

SONG—"My Old Kentucky Home"

RECEPTION IN SOUTH ROOM

## Silver Anniversary Greetings

One of the highlights of our Silver Anniversary Program was the number of friendly greetings we received from so many in recognition of the occasion. Space does not permit us to quote from any of the telegrams and letters, nor even to mention all of them, but we are listing below a few whose messages were read at the meeting and greatly appreciated by the large gathering present:

PAUL P. HARRIS, President Emeritus Rotary International, 1910-12  
CHESLEY R. PERRY, Secretary Rotary International, 1910-  
MAURICE DUPERREY, President Rotary International, 1937-38  
WILL R. MANIER, JR., Past President Rotary International, 1936-37  
ED. R. JOHNSON, Past President Rotary International, 1935-36  
ROBERT E. LEE HILL, Past President Rotary International, 1934-35  
CLINTON P. ANDERSON, Past President Rotary International, 1932-33  
M. EUGENE NEWSOM, Past President Rotary International, 1929-30  
ARTHUR H. SAPP, Past President Rotary International, 1927-28  
CHARLES S. MORRIS, President Rotary Club of New York, 1937-38  
M. H. CROWE, President Rotary Club of San Francisco, 1937-38

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Copy of letter from Paul Harris appearing on page 5:

### **To my friends of the Rotary Club of Louisville:**

Greetings on the occasion of your twenty-fifth birthday. As you are passing the milestone you will doubtless turn for a glimpse of the course already covered. You will think of the friends who have come and gone leaving tender memories.

The achievements of the Rotary Club of Louisville, of which there are many, were the result of the sacrificial efforts of loyal men, the pioneers of your Club who are worthy of high praise. They demonstrated themselves to be men of high purpose and great courage. They are entitled to the gratitude of all who have realized benefits from their efforts.

Rotary has come to stay; it has made itself at home in nearly all of the civilized countries, and yet it is only at the threshold of its usefulness.

All praise to the men of Club number forty-five, long may you live and continue your service in the interests of a better world in which to live.

Sincerely yours,

PAUL P. HARRIS

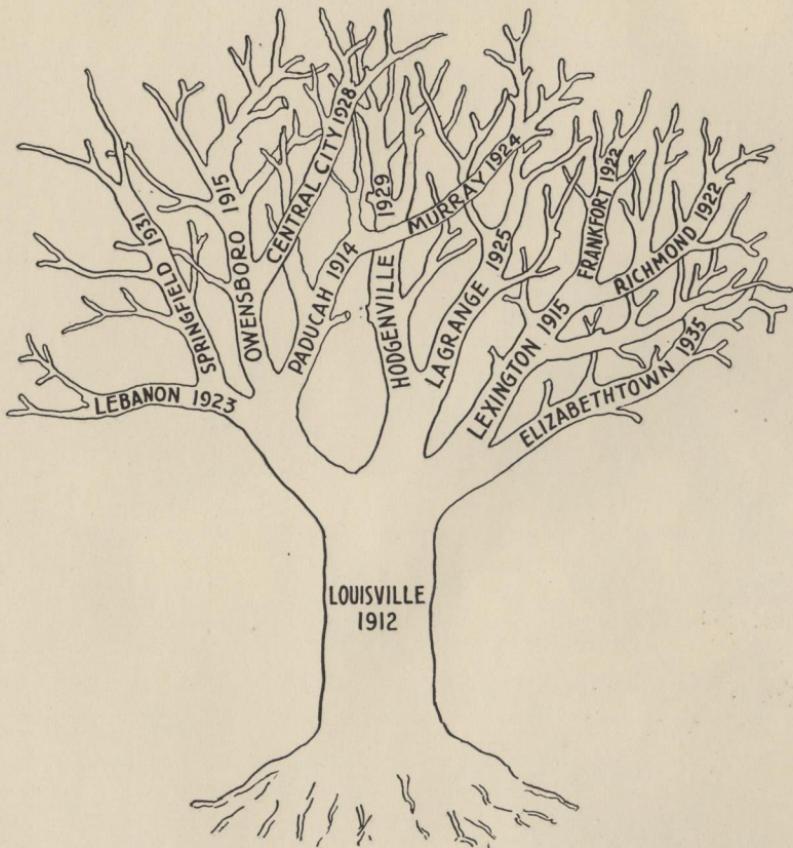


## Twenty-fifth Anniversary Banquet



Brown Hotel  
Thursday, October 14, 1937

## Rotary Extension



The above tree of (Rotary) life shows the seven Kentucky cities to which Rotary was carried by Louisville, and a few of the cities to which Rotary spread from these clubs. If we could have enlarged this tree, we would have shown the seven clubs founded by Lexington (Richmond, Georgetown, Winchester, Paris, Cynthiana, Somerset, Frankfort), the five by Frankfort (Lawrenceburg, Owenton, Carrollton, Shelbyville, Eminence), as well as the complete picture of the growth of Rotary in Kentucky.

## Districts of which Louisville has been a part

### GOVERNORS AND CONFERENCES

Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky:

1912-13—Geo. W. Clark, Jacksonville, Fla.

1913-14—J. E. Shelby, Birmingham, Ala.

1914-15—J. E. Shelby, Birmingham, Ala.

### SIXTH DISTRICT—ARKANSAS, KENTUCKY, MISSISSIPPI AND TENNESSEE

1916—February 22-23—Memphis, Tenn., R. A. McDowell.

1917—February 22-23—Owensboro, Ky., Jas. H. Allison.

1918—February 26-27—Little Rock, Ark., Jas. F. Finley.

### THIRTEENTH DISTRICT—KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE

1919—February 10-11—Nashville, Tenn., Jos. W. Porter.

1920—March 11-12—Louisville, Ky., Iverson Graves.

1921—April 4-5—Paducah, Ky., Chas. W. Bailey.

1922—March 16-17—Knoxville, Tenn., T. Graham Hall.

### TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT—KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE

1923—March 12-13—Lexington, Ky., Jas. H. Richmond.

1924—March 24-25—Chattanooga, Tenn., Will R. Manier.

1925—March 24-25—Louisville, Ky., Will J. Craig.

### EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT—STATE OF KENTUCKY

1926—April 26-27—Henderson, Ky., J. Robt. Kelley.

1927—April 19-20—Frankfort, Ky., Geo. E. Tomlinson.

1928—April 16-17—Louisville, Ky., Coleman Taylor.

1929—April 15-16—Ashland, Ky., Robt. A. Cochran.

1930—May 5-6—Lexington, Ky., J. Murray Hill.

1931—May 11-12—Paducah, Ky., John T. Metcalf.

1932—May 2-3—Middlesboro, Ky., H. V. McChesney.

1933—April 24-25—Newport, Ky., Chas. J. Turck.

1934—May 14-15—Louisville, Ky., Prentiss M. Terry.

1935—April 29-30—Frankfort, Ky., Bart N. Peak.

1936—May 5-6—Owensboro, Ky., J. Guthrie Coke.

1937—April 11-12-13—Lexington, Ky., Thos. B. Talbot.

The 1937 Conference at Lexington voted to divide Kentucky into two districts. W. L. Mathews was elected Governor of the new 161st District (Western Kentucky Clubs), which included Louisville, and O. O. (June) Thompson, Governor of the 162nd District (Eastern Kentucky Clubs). The 1938 Conference will be held at Ashland, as a joint meeting of the 161st and 162nd Kentucky Districts.

## **Our Members in Rotary International**

The Rotary Club of Louisville wishes to acknowledge the service of those members of our Club who have made special contributions to Rotary International:

### **ROBINSON A. McDOWELL**

District Governor 1915-16

First Vice President 1917

Member of Service Matter Committee 1918

Member Committee on Constitution and By-laws 1919

### **JAMES H. RICHMOND**

District Governor 1922-23

Member Rotary Education Committee 1924

### **NEWTON G. CRAWFORD**

Member Classifications Committee 1928

Chairman Classifications Committee 1929

### **PRENTISS M. TERRY**

Chairman Foundation Promotion Committee 1932-33

District Governor 1933-34

Member Vocational Service Committee 1935-36

Member Convention Committee 1936-37

### **FRANK E. JOHNSON**

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Atlantic City 1920

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms St. Louis 1923

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Toronto 1924

### **J. ELLIOTT RIDDELL**

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Minneapolis 1928

### **EUGENE PENDERGRASS**

Chairman of the District Extension Committee of the Louisville Rotary Club, five years out of the nine years of existence. He has done exceptional work in the formation of new Clubs and in fortifying those established, in preparing programs and speakers for various Clubs near Louisville, and in organizing special Inter-city Meetings.

## **Rotary**

Rotary, democratic to the core, prefers no class, encourages no designs to rule, and puts on no garments of pride. Rotary is willing to be led. Rotary glories in its genius for service.

Rotary is not content with the present; it must press on to greater achievement, humble in heart and mighty in deed. The mind is flooded with profound thoughts when the word Rotary is mentioned. It implies character transcendent and a mighty force for right.

July 7, 1925—from *Sparks*

*Sheltman*

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## **Meeting and Eating**

*With apologies to Rotarian Eddie Guest*

It takes a heap of going to make a Rotary Club,  
It takes a heap of eating and sometimes that's the rub.  
No two of us are fashioned with stomachs just alike,  
One stomach has an appetite, another's on a strike,  
One fellow don't like mutton, another wants a stew,  
And Rotary hotel man don't know what to do.

No two of us exactly are alike in any way,  
The business is different from which we draw our pay.  
Our hobbies and our pastimes with each other do not fit,  
And our looks and dress and haircuts do not match a bit.  
It takes a heap of eating when with elbows we do rub  
At regular weekly meetings of the Rotary Club.

We get the Rotary spirit of service to fellow man  
When we meet and eat together on the Rotary plan.  
There is a grand thing about it, for which we thank the Lord.  
From the eating and the meeting we are all of one accord.  
It takes a heap of eating of all kinds of grub,  
It takes a heap of going to make a Rotary Club.

Broadcasted WHAS

Oct. 3, 1922

CHAS. G. HARRIS, Poet Laureate

## 1912-1913



Lawrence L. Anderson, President; A. S. Rice, First Vice President; Enos Spencer, Second Vice President; C. H. Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer; A. J. Anderson, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Thos. E. Basham, F. P. Bush, Paul P. Gaylord, R. A. McDowell, Truman L. McGill.

Your request to give you some recollections of early days in Rotary has brought very sharply to my mind the development of the Rotary idea since the Louisville Club was organized.

A small group, I think about twelve men, met at luncheon in June, 1912, and listened to statements made about a new movement that had originated in Chicago and that was rapidly spreading over the country. Probably no two of those present received the same impression of the movement, and it is equally true that the combined impressions of all of us fell very far short of what Rotary has come to mean throughout the civilized world.

From the viewpoint of today, it is interesting, as well as amazing, to look back at some of the ideas that prevailed about Rotary. Some had the idea that Rotary was a new scheme to induce the members of the Club to trade with each other, and they declined to come in because of what they deemed its selfishness and exclusiveness. On the other hand, I recall one man who was elected under one of several classifications in his business, but who refused to come in because it was not selfish enough. He wanted it to cover every line of his business.

With others, Rotary came to be simply a vehicle for fun—not a bad idea in itself, but very far short of the possibilities of the Movement.

The first Membership Committee took its work quite seriously and, in my judgment, it was the most important factor in the high representative quality of the Louisville Club's membership.

The first year of Rotary in Louisville was without any outstanding incidents as I now recall, except a rather rapid growth in membership.

The fact that the Louisville Club and the Movement at large has grown to its present importance is evidence of the fact that Rotary supplies an important ingredient in our Social Contacts, and one that the man in the street needs.

L. L. ANDERSON

## 1913-1914



Frank P. Bush, President; C. Oscar Ewing, First Vice President; L. H. Amrine, Second Vice President; C. H. Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer; A. J. Anderson, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—L. L. Anderson, F. P. Bush, Lee E. Cralle, Arthur Kaye, Wade Sheltman, Alfred Struck.

Rotary was founded, and in its early days gained strength largely because it was supposed to be helpful to its members in their own individual businesses. Acquaintanceship was stressed very strongly in the early days of Rotary, and this was the reason for the Pictorial Roster, which was started in 1913 and has been a valuable feature of Rotary ever since.

*Sparks* made its bow in September, 1913, with the modest notice: "How do you like the new medium of communication? If you like her she will become a regular visitor." Evidently *Sparks* made a hit, because it is still a regular visitor to the desks of Rotary members.

A BOOST COMMITTEE, one of the early features of Rotary, arranged meetings at which the members told about their individual businesses.

ROTARY PICNICS were held for a number of years at the K. M. I., brought out a large attendance and were full of fun and interest for everybody.

INTER-CLUB VISITS assisted in the formation of many clubs. A trainload of Louisville Rotarians attended the installation of the Indianapolis Club, a never-to-be-forgotten affair. A trip to Nashville and their return visit on Derby Day was the occasion for an exciting fight over a \$5.00 assessment, the only one ever made by Rotary. Another notable trip was to Evansville and their return visit. We had in the Rotary Club a professional boxer, Joe Bernstein. We invited the Evansville Club to bring a hard hitter, which they did, in the shape of a giant about 6 ft. 6 in. tall and big in proportion. A fight was pulled off, but during the fourth round, the place was raided by the police. The fighters, the President of the Evansville Club and fight promoters were carried off by the police, but later released. Only three members of the Louisville Club were in on the stunt and the police were instructed to treat 'em rough, and they did.

EARLY ROTARY ELECTIONS were exciting and full of fun. Two nominating committees made their nominations two weeks preceding the election. Frequent meetings were held by both tickets, and the campaigning was much more strenuous than in a hot national presidential election.

FRANK BUSH

## 1914-1915



Louis K. Webb, President; Dr. A. B. Weaver, First Vice President; Frank T. Buerck, Second Vice President; S. A. Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer; J. C. Bond, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Joseph Burge, Frank P. Bush, Henry M. Coons, Albert P. Gans, Geo. E. Hays.

The World War started in the summer of 1914. As a result, business was much disturbed. There were many interesting meetings held during this trying time. Outside speakers brought the Club messages of importance as to conditions in the war zone and the effect indirectly on our own country. All stressed the importance of keeping Uncle Sam neutral. Little did we realize the stirring days ahead. May Rotary do its part to see that a better understanding shall exist between nations, which is the best way to prevent a recurrence of so awful a conflict.

During the year we enjoyed the first visit of an International President, as we had Frank Mulholland, of Toledo, Ohio, who gave us an inspiring Rotary address. After the Mulholland visit the President and Secretary, Arch Campbell, left for Jacksonville, Florida, where a Rotary conference was held with representatives from all the southeastern states. At this meeting our Club accepted the responsibility for organizing Clubs at New Albany, Indiana; Paducah, Lexington and Owensboro, Kentucky; Charleston, West Virginia; and Knoxville, Tennessee. All of these Clubs were organized during the year except Knoxville, which came along about two years later.

Later we had a visit from Secretary General Chess Perry. We also entertained for the first time Rotarian Harry Lauder, and it was just at this time that Harry received a cable from his son that he had been called to his colors and was leaving for the front. The young man later gave his life for his country. It was a most inspiring meeting, and will never be forgotten by those present.

At this period in Rotary the public in Louisville were skeptical as to Rotary and its objects. The public felt that Rotary was a selfish business swapping organization. To overcome this idea, through the splendid help of Charles F. Gladfelter, General Manager of the *Louisville Herald*, a special Rotary Edition was brought out with many fine Rotary messages from other cities and from the officers of Rotary International. This one issue of the *Herald* did more to put Rotary on its feet in Louisville than any other one thing.

LOUIS K. WEBB

## 1915-1916



Frank T. Buerck, President; Wade Sheltman, First Vice President; Jesse M. Vollmer, Second Vice President; S. A. Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer; E. G. Heartick, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Louis K. Webb, C. F. Gladfelter, N. G. Crawford, F. G. Burdorf, C. H. Jenkins.

There were a number of outstanding events which occurred during Rotary year of 1915-1916.

On June 23, 1915, the Louisville Rotary Club attended the organization meeting of the Rotary Club at Lexington, Ky.

To further cement Rotary friendship the Louisville Club entertained a very large delegation of Lexington Rotarians at an all-day meeting on Thursday, September 23, 1915. The banquet held at the Watterson Hotel that evening was one of the largest gatherings of Rotary.

The enthusiasm and the friendship as expressed by the speakers of the two Clubs did a great deal to cement the kindly feeling of the two cities toward each other.

Next we come to the meeting held on December 30, 1915, on the Roof Garden of the Seelbach Hotel, where International President, Allen D. Albert, and Mrs. Albert, were the guests of the Louisville Club. Every available space of the large Roof Garden was filled with Rotarians, their wives and friends. At each chair of the nearly 500 guests was a receiver which enabled every one present to hear conversations between Louisville and the Pacific Coast, one of the first demonstrations of long distance telephone.

Mr. Nelson C. Kingsbury, of New York, and Vice President of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, gave a most interesting address on the progress of telephone developments.

In June, 1916, the International Convention was held at Cincinnati, Ohio, and as many delegates from the South came through Louisville, special arrangements were made to entertain these visiting delegates. A large fund of over \$1,000.00 was raised for this purpose, and in no Rotary year of the Louisville Club have the Rotary Anns taken as active a part as during this administration.

The ladies had an organization of their own which met frequently and did splendid work in helping entertain the visiting delegates.

FRANK T. BUERCK

## 1916-1917



W. C. Daviet, President; Geo. E. Hays, First Vice President; James Clark, Jr., Second Vice President; S. A. Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer; Alfred Herr Hite, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Frank T. Buerck, Otis W. Pickrell, John M. Kirk, Wm. Edward Chambers, M. P. Kelley.

The high points in the administration 1916-17 were our Programs.

June 1, 1916—Inauguration Day. Frank Buerck presided and gave me the works. Plans made for the trip to Cincinnati.

June 8, 1916—Livestock Day. Program in charge of Bill Burnett, Bill Kennett and Fleet Goodridge.

June 15, 1916—Picnic at Military Park. Al Vogel remembers it.

June 22, 1916—The Great Triple Play—Marcum to Kelly to Keisker.

August 17, 1916—Milk, Butter, Meat, Bread and Coffee—All about it by Ewing, Callaway, Hikes and Engelhard.

August 24, 1916—Builders Supply Day. This show put on by Caldwell, Struck, Bomar and Oliver.

August 31, 1916—Grocer Day—Told why your bills were so large. Otis Pickrell sold Edward Altsheler, Altsheler sold Arthur L. Zapp, and then you got it.

September 21, 1916—Music Day—"Soothing the Savage Breasts." Joe D. Burge, Carl Shackleton and Bob Pilcher in charge. Pilcher made, Shackleton sold, and Burge made a lot of racket with them.

November 29, 1916—Thanksgiving Meeting—Turkey 10c a bite, eggs a nickel apiece, but Dr. Frank M. Thomas told us of many things that we could be thankful for.

One of the things that occurs to me was the initiation during my term of the movement to redeem the burial place of President Zachary Taylor. There was considerable newspaper publicity at the time the movement was inaugurated.

Another highlight, as I recall it, was the invitation of the Louisville Club to delegates attending the National Convention at Cincinnati to spend a day at Louisville.

You will probably recall the closing entertainment in which it was necessary for us to smuggle into the Hotel dining room a coffin, much against the wishes of poor old Bob Jones, who ran the Hotel at that time.

I was called from the city before my term was completed, but my Vice President, Geo. E. Hays, kept up the good work similar to or better than that outlined above.

BILL DAVIET

## 1917-1918



James H. Richmond, President; Tom B. Duncan, First Vice President; F. H. Miller, Second Vice President; S. A. Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer; F. A. Clegg, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—H. P. Caldwell, George S. Hays, Charles G. Klapheke, Al R. Vogel, Louis K. Webb.

The administration of 1917-1918 was a most interesting one. It may not be improper to call it the War Administration, for soon after our country entered the World War this administration was called to conduct the affairs of our Rotary Club.

During this Rotary year our Club was addressed by distinguished American generals and military officers of England and France. These meetings were intensely patriotic. In addition to activities of this character, Rotary played a most important part in the various war "drives." No duty was shirked; no call unheeded. Every meeting was significant.

Not only was our Club honored by the appearance on the programs of many military leaders, but we had the pleasure of entertaining the Board of Directors of Rotary International. Our own "Bob" McDowell was at that time First Vice President of Rotary International.

If the administration of 1917-1918 was a successful one, and I believe it was, the credit is due alike to the splendid co-operation of the Board of Directors and the Club membership as a whole.

As I recall those stirring days, they seem but a dream, but they were stern realities then; and I am proud of the part that Rotary played in them.

Rotary of today is a different Rotary from that of 1917-1918. The Rotary of tomorrow will be unlike that of today. "New conditions teach new duties." The genius of Rotary is her sensitiveness to the shifting play of social and economic forces.

JAMES H. RICHMOND

## 1918-1919



Wade Sheltman, President; Joseph Burge, First Vice President; J. C. Mahon, Second Vice President; S. A. Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer; Chas. H. Fritschner, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—James H. Richmond, Al G. Birch, Geo. P. Kendrick, J. G. Clifford, Burt A. Spencer.

This administration covered the period of the last six months of the World War and the first six months following the suspension of hostilities. *Sparks'* pages carried a Roll of Honor of the names of Rotarians and the sons of Rotarians who participated in the great European struggle. The women of Rotary had a large part in raising the Fourth Liberty Loan. This was the time of the awful epidemic of influenza, of which thousands died, and there was rarely a meeting of the Club when it did not stand in silent tribute to some member or the relative of a member who was a victim of this plague.

At this time there were thirteen clubs in the thirteenth district of Rotary, seven in Tennessee and six in Kentucky. And the average attendance of our members ranged between 50 and 60 per cent. The spirit of companionship was wonderfully developed among the entire membership during the first years of Rotary.

In December (1918) the Club raised a "Student Loan Fund," to be used in helping worthy boys in the Louisville Male High School. More than eleven hundred dollars was eventually placed at the disposal of the committee of three appointed to administer this fund.

Early in this term R. A. McDowell offered a resolution and prepared a legislative bill aiming to place in the hands of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction all unclaimed accounts in the banks of this State. The bill failed to be enacted by the legislature.

Among the many notable speakers who addressed the Club were: Dr. John C. Atcheson, President of the Pennsylvania Woman's College; Joseph W. Porter, Governor of the Thirteenth District; Mr. O. L. Reid, Superintendent of Public Schools of Louisville; Edward S. Jouett, of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company; Major H. E. Sants, an officer in the British Army; Dr. Frank L. McVey, President of the University of Kentucky; Harry Lauder, the Scotch humorist; and Edgar Guest, the poet.

And many members were privileged to explain their own businesses in Club programs.

WADE SHELTMAN

## 1919-1920



Tom B. Duncan, President; R. A. McDowell, First Vice President; F. W. Keisker, Second Vice President; S. A. Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer; C. H. Fritschner, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Allen R. Carter, T. B. Crutcher, J. Earl Henry, Wade Sheltman, A. G. Stith, F. A. Clegg.

The World War was over and Rotary was very happy with a congenial membership at the Watterson Hotel. Shortly after the inauguration of the new officers, the President had to leave for a three months' location in California. Vice President, Fred Keisker, with a fine directorate, carried on in a great way. The Rotary Club at this particular time was a boon to our business associates, who were getting their affairs in order following the war. Business was slow and in great disorder, but our intimate contacts gave each other spirit and assurance.

The directors were unanimously in favor of establishing a permanent office in the Hotel, to be kept open every day to receive Rotary visitors and to make business engagements. It was a success from the beginning, and Bob Jones, Manager of Watterson Hotel, provided a prominent space in the lobby free of cost. Miss Ethel (now Mrs. Robt. J. McBryde) took charge, and her gracious manner and tactful business ideas launched an enterprise that has been vindicated to this day.

We entertained the District Conference, composed of all Rotary in Kentucky and Tennessee, but we did not know how it should be done, as well as we now understand. The weather was bad, the attendance was small, and perhaps the less said about it the better.

There is one fixed notion that lurks in the mind of every retiring Rotary President. After he has served one year and can review his mistakes and failures, he thinks that if he could only serve in the same capacity the second term, he would make a whale of a success. But Rotary doesn't make the same mistake but once; and the Law says "We do not choose to run him again." Past Presidents are dead ones in Rotary. "*Requiescant in pace.*"

TOM B. DUNCAN

## 1920-1921



Chas. F. Gladfelter, President; W. E. Chambers, First Vice President; H. S. Gray, Second Vice President; S. A. Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer; Jas. T. Short, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Edward S. Jouett, Robert Montgomery, Jas. B. Wilson, Tom B. Duncan, A. Bright Harris.

The high spots in the administration 1920-21. Here are a few of them.

You will remember my announcement at the close of my administration, that a careful check of the subscription list of the *Louisville Herald* revealed the fact that one additional name had been added to the list by virtue of my service to Rotary.

Like all previous Presidents, much stress was placed upon our programs and great fun was had in our election campaigns.

How well do I remember our program on August 5, 1920, when Capt. Prentiss M. Terry of the A. E. F. gave us a talk on Czechoslovakia.

The headlines of the program for that day were "Keep Cool Day," and with the assistance of H. V. Bomar, Joe Burge, Stuart Duncan and J. D. Burge, an electric fan was placed on each table.

Maybe you remember that maiden speech of Julius Ellis September 2, 1920, about "Business Conditions in Europe." This is the day we received his promise to become an American citizen.

Then on September 23 and September 30, 1920, came two programs that will never be forgotten. Rotarian James H. Richmond and Hon. Chas. F. Ogden on the "League of Nations."

November 4, 1920, Rotarian Henry S. Gray gave us "A Message from England." Henry was a keen observer and a good talker. Does Henry still talk?

Do you remember the Christmas Frolic December 9, 1920, at the Seelbach, where we staged "Darktown Rotary," with the motto, "Boost yourself or you won't be boosted." Tom Duncan took the leading role as Charlie Badfellow (*Yellow Journal*). I wish I had room to give the names of the other sixteen men who took part in this play with him. My space is up, so here is to a successful Silver Anniversary.

CHAS. F. GLADFELTER

## 1921-1922



Frank H. Miller, President; Peyton B. Bethel, First Vice President; Chas. G. Klapheke, Second Vice President; S. A. Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer; George A. Brinke, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Chas. F. Gladfelter, E. T. Hutchings, Fred Keisker, James H. Richmond, Alex W. Tippett, Louis K. Webb.

The Rotary year 1921-1922 was the only year in which, at the annual election, enough men were selected by popular vote for officers and directors, and afterwards, from this group, the various officers were elected.

The Rotary Club was well represented on a City Government Committee which formulated changes in the city plan of organization. Most of the then proposed changes are now in effect.

In June the Club presented a resolution to the Board of Trade and the Board of Park Commissioners recommending a municipal air field for Louisville.

On hearing that Dr. Frank L. McVey contemplated leaving the University of Kentucky, the Club urged him to continue as President. His fine administration of the affairs of the University has proven the wisdom of this work of the Club.

Committees of the Club cooperated with similar committees of Louisville Safety Council and city authorities "to improve the safety of our traffic conditions." As a result, a Safety Citizens Auxiliary Committee was formed and functioned for several years.

The "Howdy" song rose, flourished and faded.

This was the year of the original Rotary Style Show, with members as models—long to be remembered.

Poem of the year:

"Thirsty days has September,—April, June and November;  
All the rest are thirsty, too,—Except for him who hath homebrew."

During this administration it was discovered that members were slow in arriving, talked too loud as the President arose for order, and left before the meeting adjourned.

The outstanding Christmas meeting by our then three sky-pilots, two of whom were with us.

The Club assisted in the Health Exposition of 1922, and worked hard to retain Camp Knox, which was almost lost to Louisville at this time.

The By-laws were changed to revert to the old and present method of selecting Club officers.

FRANK H. MILLER

## 1922-1923



William Edward Chambers, President; Frank E. Johnson, First Vice President; Yancey R. Altsheler, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; John W. Gates, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Frank H. Miller, Rex H. Rathbun, James D. Gibbs, Tilford A. Ewing, Samuel W. Coons, James P. Barnes.

Every member was a plus member; there were no minus members. Everyone seemed to enjoy the lively spirit of those days at the Watterson Hotel, and a few of the highlights are given:

Ford Boost Meeting—by Ed McPhee.

Girls' High School Glee Club—through kindness of Miss Mary Louise Webb, daughter of Louis Webb.

"Laugh and Grow Fat" program—by eleven of our fattest.

Address on eighteenth anniversary of Rotary—the Reverend Peter H. Pleune, Pastor of Highland Presbyterian Church.

Rotary Night at B. F. Keith's National Theatre—Rotarian Harry Lauder.

Public Health Meeting by Dr. A. T. McCormack. Rotary nurse told of her work for which Rotary was directly responsible.

Soap Box Orator Jack O'Brien presented, under auspices of Nat Bloom, prison reform meeting.

Farmers' Day Program—in charge of Farmer Hite.

Nat Bloom's Christmas Frolic huge success.

W. S. Campbell elected chairman of Campaign Committee of Board of Tuberculosis Hospital for \$750,000 bond issue. Rotarians participated in campaign resulting in erection of \$1,250,000 hospital at Waverley Hills.

Conspicuous in early days of radio—Louisville Rotary Club broadcast program over Station WHAS.

Portrait of Edwin Booth installed by Rotary Club in Shakespeare Gallery at Stratford-on-Avon.

Zenos Scott, under auspices of Boys' Work Committee, delivered radio address to from 750,000 to 1,000,000 school children throughout United States, telling them why they should go back to school.

23rd District Annual Conference at Lexington, Ky., Jim Howell Richmond, Governor.

Club Secretary Arch Campbell promoted to position of Division Freight Agent, N & W Railway, Winston-Salem, N. C. Elliott Riddell discovered and elected to succeed Arch. Charles G. Harris appointed Poet Laureate.

W. E. CHAMBERS

## 1923-1924



Peyton B. Bethel, President; Nathan P. Bloom, First Vice President; J. G. Hunt Isert, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Gus W. Brakmeier, Jr., Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—W. S. Campbell, W. E. Chambers, John M. Gates, Samuel L. Hikes, Edwin L. McPhee, C. S. Wymond.

Emphasis was placed on Crippled Children, Back to School, Playgrounds and Boys' Work. Not only did the committees in charge of these activities work faithfully, but they assigned to practically every member of the Club a job which was cheerfully accepted and promptly executed. Early in the fall the Round Table clubs designated a day on which all their members joined in building a Mess Hall at the Boy Scout Camp at Black Bridge. Rotary won the trophy for having the largest percentage of its members on the job. We also won first prize for the sale of State Fair tickets.

Among our outstanding meetings was the Farewell Meeting to Zenos Scott, who was leaving Louisville. A Press Breakfast at the Seelbach, given to the Kentucky Press Association and addressed by Past President of Rotary International, Allen D. Alberts. Outstanding press notices followed the speech of Rabbi Rauch delivered at a later meeting.

Due to the growth of our Club, it soon became evident that we would be compelled to leave the Watterson and seek larger quarters. Accordingly, a meeting of members only was held October 25, when four members presented the claims of the Watterson, the Seelbach and the Brown. Later in the year a referendum vote was taken resulting in the selection of the Brown.

At the Christmas party there was presented Nat Bloom's prize play, "The By-paths of Justice," in which Bill Camp made his theatrical debut. This was followed by Folk Dances presented (solo) by members of the Club.

The first meeting in the Brown Hotel was held on January 3, 1924, at which Frank Hatfield, a Director of Rotary International, was the speaker. The second meeting was an inter-city meeting of the New Albany, Jeffersonville and Louisville Clubs, the first inter-city meeting ever held by our Club. There were 387 Rotarians present. At that meeting Senator Fred Sackett talked on the proposed Municipal Bridge.

I would be remiss if I did not remind the "old-timers" of the Italian Baby Wall Paper, originated and designed by Tom Duncan, which was quite the vogue during that era.

PEYTON B. BETHEL

## 1924-1925



Yancey R. Altsheler, President; William M. Hannah, First Vice President; Edwin L. McPhee, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Stuart C. Campbell, Sr., Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Peyton B. Bethel, Chester W. Brickley, Julius G. Ellis, Azariah Graves, M. F. Marx, Wm. B. Pirtle.

This was a year of unusual activity in Boys' Work. This Committee, under the Chairmanship of M. F. Marx, and with Ernest Vogt, George Bickel, and Harry Meyer as Vice Chairmen, developed and carried out an exceptional program. Their activities included a Back-to-School Campaign, the establishment of playgrounds on school property, and a Boys' Week Program, culminating in an enthusiastic Father and Son Program at Rotary. These were useful community projects and enlisted to active service a large number of Rotarians.

Louisville entertained the Conference of the 23rd District, comprising the clubs of Kentucky and Tennessee, on March 24th and 25th. The general sessions were held at Macauley's Theatre. At first the Conference voted to divide the District by putting the Eastern Kentucky and Tennessee Clubs in one district and the Western Clubs in the other, but after considerable discussion, the action was re-considered and the District was divided along State lines.

This was a year of considerable interest in Crippled Children's work. The State had just passed a law creating the Crippled Children's Commission, and appropriating money for its activities. We were interested in seeing that the work was properly started. The Governor appointed Nat Bloom as a member of the Commission. In February we were hosts to a meeting of the International Society for Crippled Children. The Club appropriated \$1,000.00 for equipping two wards at the Kosair Hospital.

On November 6th, after several weeks of preparation, we attempted a 100% meeting. The Club was divided into baseball teams, and we challenged Nashville to a contest on the same day. Out of a membership of 248, 228 were actually present, and of the 20 absent, 15 members made up their attendance. Nashville won the contest with perfect attendance. Our Club has never again equalled the record.

Tom Duncan enlivened *Sparks* with his "Inter Nos" and we enlivened him with a special meeting celebrating his wedding.

YANCEY ALTSHELER

## 1925-1926



William S. Campbell, President; Chester W. Brickley, First Vice President; William B. Pirtle, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Martin L. Schmidt, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Yancey R. Altsheler, Edward H. Hilliard, James T. Howington, Dr. W. Barnett Owen, Samuel Riddle, Albert B. Sawyer, Jr.

When I think of Rotary I think of good-fellowship, likewise when I revive my memories of my tenure of office as President of the Club, my fellow officers and directors. Next in importance is the reign of prosperity which was so much in evidence throughout the years of 1925-26—

When Cal Coolidge was in the White House;  
When Edw. S. Jouett visited Honolulu;  
When Basye Howell visited Guatemala;  
When E. J. O'Brien, Jos. Rauch, Fred Levy visited Europe;  
When Geo. Bickel, E. A. Jonas, Martin Schmidt, and Ed Hilliard visited Canada (during Prohibition);  
When every Rotarian wanted to go to Denver;  
When Fred Drexler paid Gene Pendergrass \$40.00 for High School-Manual football tickets;  
When the stock market had but one trend—upward.

The District Conference was held at Henderson, Kentucky. Charlie Harris arranged for the Louisville Rotarians and those from fourteen other clubs in Kentucky to make the trip by river. The K. & I. Band went along. This was one of the finest fellowship occasions in the history of Louisville Rotary.

Thirty-one Rotarians were on the booster trip conducted by the Board of Trade through Southern Kentucky, Tennessee, and Northern Alabama. Among those who made the trip were: Louis Webb, Peyton Bethel, Bill Hannah, Harry Evans, Frank Miller, Huston Quin, George Brinke, Al Birch, Ed Chambers, Attilla Cox, Bill Campbell, Gene Pendergrass, Charlie Potter, Bert Wilson.

One of the features of our program this year was a plan to exchange speakers with other Rotary Clubs in the District.

The Christmas Frolic was a Circus arranged by Nat Bloom and a large number of Rotarians. This was one of the most unique and interesting entertainments ever arranged by a Rotary Committee.

W. S. CAMPBELL

## 1926-1927



Frank E. Johnson, President; James T. Howington, First Vice President; Julius G. Ellis, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Alex W. Tippett, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Wm. S. Campbell, Stuart C. Campbell, George Colvin, M. A. Erskine, Martin L. Schmidt, Ernest L. Vogt.

The year 1926-1927 stood out in Louisville Rotary as a year of splendid fellowship. That was the dominant note of the Club throughout the entire twelve months. The program of the official family was directed entirely toward that end, so that at the conclusion of their administration we should have a Club in which the membership would know one another better, and in so doing, know Rotary better. This policy was motivated by the fact that Rotary work would follow in natural course as fellowship progressed.

Remember what fun we had with the survey of County Schools in January, 1927? Almost every member in the Club drove many miles to visit some County School. The information which we gathered was tabulated and interpreted and proved of great value to the County Board of Education in stimulating interest in improving our County Schools.

Remember the intense interest with which we listened to the recital each week of some phase of the daily business activity of the newer members in their three-minute talks. And the entertainment which we derived from the drawing of the prize which each speaker had to present for the privilege of appearing before the Club. And the fun we had from the weekly birthday table, with the various ingenious ways invented for the payment of the five cents per year contribution to the Birthday Fund. What wonderful fellowship we developed in the attendance plan of having members of the Club assigned to call at the place of business of some other member a half hour or so before the meeting and then accompany him to the meeting itself. Ah! those were indeed happy days.

The year ended all too soon, but we felt that success had crowned our efforts and that the members of the Club knew each other better for what we had done. That was our contribution to Louisville Rotary.

FRANK E. JOHNSON

## 1927-1928



James T. Howington, President; Albert B. Sawyer, Jr., First Vice President; Bert Wilson, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Eugene E. Pendergrass, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Frank E. Johnson, Hamilton P. Caldwell, A. Lee Marcum, A. Bright Harris, S. Lyman Barber, Charles G. Harris.

The success of this administration was due to the co-ordinated efforts of an all-star cast of fellow officers, directors and committee chairmen. Six of the ten Presidents elected since this administration were members of the Club's official family in the Rotary year 1927-1928.

We re-organized our committees in conformity with the recommendations of Rotary International and re-defined the duties of each. We inaugurated and placed in operation the Aims and Objects plan of Club organization immediately after it was adopted by Rotary International. We revised our Constitution and By-laws to bring them into conformity with the standard forms of Rotary International. We added the following six new standing committees: Rural-Urban, Hospitality, Library, Sports, Finance and Club Extension.

We were host Club to the 1928 District Conference and demonstrated to Kentucky Rotary that the annual District Conference could be successful without financial burden to the host Club.

Many outstanding programs were presented during this Rotary year, and included among the famous Rotarians who addressed the Club were Dr. Charles E. Barker, of Chicago; Raymond Knoepfle and Pirie McDonald, of New York. Exceptional musical programs were presented throughout the year and the Rotary Chorus composed of twenty-four Rotarians was organized. Club talent participated in many entertainment programs, including the Minstrel Show during the Christmas Frolic.

During this year the modesty of Rotarians in telling about themselves and their businesses was overcome by having other Rotarians, chosen by lot, study the subjects and write about them in *Sparks*.

We continued our cooperation with the County Board of Education in improving the physical plan of the County Schools. The prizes which we offered created an interest which resulted in a marked improvement in our County Schools.

Looking backward to ten years ago brings the return of many happy memories, the most vivid of which is the recollection of the warm, personal affection shown by members of the Club in many ways and at all times for their President. This more than compensated for the year of active service.

JAMES T. HOWINGTON

## 1928-1929



Julius G. Ellis, President; Bert Wilson, First Vice President; Morgan O. Hughes, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Hamilton P. Caldwell, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Julius G. Ellis, Bert Wilson, Morgan O. Hughes, George R. Bickel, George O. Boomer, Wilton H. Terstegge, Edward S. Jouett, John Marshall, James T. Howington. Edward S. Jouett resigned November 3, 1928, and Lawrence K. Tuley was elected in his stead.

This administration was unique in that the meetings opened and closed on time. Being an Englishman by birth, the President felt it necessary to out-American the Americans in "pep and energy." This was a lively year—with enthusiasm, energy, and a casting aside of traditions and restraints.

In Sparks pithy sayings headed "Ellisograms" summed up the Philosophy of the President.

"Look forward, not backward—let our present work be done with an eye to the future."

"I would prefer to see Rotary curious rather than conservative."

Attendance was stressed. The Club had great fun with an Attendance Contest, in which the members were divided in the various teams of the National and American Leagues.

The work with the County Schools begun under the two previous administrations was continued. The Rotary Club in cooperation with the County Board of Education, and the Parent-Teachers Association, offered substantial prizes for the schools showing the greatest improvement in the physical plant. When the results were tabulated at the end of the school year in 1928, it was found that there had been some remarkable changes made in the County School plants. The fine part about it was that it was done largely through the efforts of the parents of the children and with very little expenditure of public funds.

This was a year of considerable activity in the Crippled Children's work. Several meetings were devoted to the subject. On April 11th the Rotary Club cooperated with others in holding a Crippled Children's Clinic for the children of Jefferson and surrounding counties at the Kosair Hospital.

A survey of the average age of the membership of our Club showed that it stood at 50.08 years.

All committees functioned properly. The District Extension Committee was founded and the Hodgenville Rotary Club organized during this administration.

JULIUS ELLIS

## 1929-1930



Azariah Graves, President; Harry J. Meyer, First Vice President; Frank D. Rash, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Ed M. Thoben, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Eugene E. Pendergrass, Arthur K. White-law, Prentiss M. Terry, Frank E. Gatchel, A. H. Thompson, Julius G. Ellis.

The administration of 1929 and 1930 was particularly fortunate in the personnel of its Board and Committees from which six were subsequently made President of the Club. Particular reference is made to the Program and Boys' Work Committees.

Fifty-two splendid programs were given to the Club, which included both national and international speakers, among them Eugene Newsom and William Butterworth, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

One of the programs was so outstanding that the Program Chairman was unanimously recommended to membership in the "Prison Reform Club."

Under the leadership of the Boys' Work Committee, in cooperation with that splendid Rotarian, Wayne Clark, the bridge across Harrods Creek to the permanent camp of the Boy Scouts was completed and dedicated. In honor of Wayne, this bridge is known as the Wayne Clark Bridge.

There were inaugurated during this administration what were known as "Fireside Meetings." The meetings were held at the homes of members in each section of the city and were largely attended. Discussions were had and suggestions made with reference to the future activities of the Club. In addition strong friendships were made and a marvelous fellowship developed.

Another feature worthy of mention was that newly-elected members were asked to appear before the Board, where the President or some other member explained the ideals of Rotary to them and what would be required of them, thus giving them the opportunity, with this knowledge, to qualify for or decline membership.

The average attendance during the year was 76.80, which was in line with previous administrations.

AZARIAH GRAVES

## 1930-1931



William B. Pirtle, President; Frank D. Rash, First Vice President; Prentiss M. Terry, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Mark Denunzio, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Nathan P. Bloom, Azariah Graves, George D. Heaton, Ralph E. Hill, Cary B. Kiefer, Robert F. Vaughan.

During this most trying period of the depression it was necessary for us to curtail club expenses and to exercise economy in all branches of its management. Were we to express it in dollars, we would say that we entered the year with a deficit of \$304.63. We closed the year with a cash balance of \$1,072.05.

In addition to the economies our major saving was effected by changing the method of mailing *Sparks* and by an intensive campaign for advertising. Prior to '30-'31 *Sparks* had cost the Club about \$500 a year. During this year we operated at a profit of \$192.60.

The Club suffered the loss of several members by death. Owing to the financial stringencies, we experienced some difficulty in getting in a sufficiently large number of new members to balance our losses by resignation and death.

In reviewing the programs we found that a great deal of care had been put upon the planning of them. They covered a wide variety of interesting topics, some dealing with boys' work and crippled children's work, others with topics of the day.

It is rather pleasing to look back over the year and realize the advantages which accrue to the president of the club in his increased opportunity for knowing the club members, for the making of new friendships, and for the guidance, even in a small way, of the thoughts of the members in the ideals of service.

We were happy to pass on to the incoming president a club in a healthy, financially sound condition. It is perhaps due to the programs that the attendance during '30-'31 was slightly above the average of preceding years. I am grateful for the opportunity of enjoying a most interesting year's work.

WILLIAM B. PIRTLE

## 1931-1932



Prentiss M. Terry, President; Huston Quin, First Vice President; Frank D. Rash, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; R. E. Vissman, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Leslie R. Gregory, A. B. Sawyer, Jr., Gus W. Brakmeier, Jr., Edwin J. O'Brien, Jr., Walton L. Hampton, William B. Pirtle.

Leslie R. Gregory resigned December 1, 1931, and Henley V. Bastin was elected in his stead.

J. Elliott Riddell was elected a member of the Board by necessary amendment to the constitution authorizing the Secretary and Treasurer to be a member of the Board.

Our goal was Rotary achievement through the spontaneous co-operation of an enthusiastic membership.

We approached the goal by starting our luncheon meetings In Time, On Time, All the Time, and by providing the best programs possible, emphasizing the Aims and Objects of Rotary and discussing current events of domestic and world-wide importance. Some of the speakers were:

Mr. Alfred F. Nufer, American Commercial Attaché, Havana, Cuba.  
Dr. Edwin Mims, Vanderbilt University.

Mr. Whitefoord R. Cole, President L. & N. Railroad.

Rotarian A. E. Roberts, Scout Executive, Cincinnati.

Bishop Charles E. Woodcock.

Rotarian Junius P. Fishburn, Publisher, Roanoke.

Joseph Rauch.

Rotarian John L. Hill, Author and Lecturer, Nashville.

Rotarian Max B. Nahm, Director Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Rotarian John Van der Vries, Chicago.

Mr. E. St. Elmo Lewis, Philadelphia.

Dr. John Samuel Boggess, Medical Director, U. S. Public Health Service, Washington, D. C.

Raymond M. Havens, Past President Rotary International, Kansas City, Mo.

Robert E. Heun, 1st Vice Pres. Rotary International, Richmond, Ind.

Past Presidents' Meeting.

Dr. Stephen I. Miller, Director of Economics, R. G. Dun & Co., New York.

Murray Hill, Director Rotary International, Bowling Green, Ky.

William Thompson Elliott, Vicar of Leeds, England, Past President Rotary International, British Isles.

As a result we enjoyed an average member attendance of 78.83% during the year and had the pleasure of having large numbers of non-Rotarians to attend our meetings.

It might be mentioned also that our visiting Rotarians were called to the platform to present themselves, thus having a part in the meeting; that we held two Fireside Group meetings, two Club Assembly meetings and several Rotary Education meetings.

PRENTISS M. TERRY

## 1932-1933



Ralph E. Hill, President; Michael A. Erskine, First Vice President; A. H. Thompson, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Edgar W. Busath, Sergeant-at-Arms.

A. H. Thompson resigned, and Tilford A. Ewing was elected in his stead.

*Board of Directors*—Nathan P. Bloom, Tilford A. Ewing, M. F. Marx, Martin L. Schmidt, W. K. Stewart, Prentiss M. Terry.

Edward M. Thoben was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board.

W. K. Stewart resigned, and Ferd A. Graham was elected in his stead.

1932-1933 was mid-depression. In those gloomy days Rotary could give nothing but its best; we determined to keep up the morale of the Club, and hold our members, by emphasizing fellowship. We actually closed the year with an increase of eight.

Charlie Turck was District Governor that year. At the Newport District Conference the Covington Club gave each visiting club a young pine tree; ours now grows on the University campus.

Al Sawyer was a splendid Program Chairman. Highlights were Past International President Arch Klumph; International Song Leader Walter Jenkins; Kinnosuke Adachi of Japan; Alois Cervenca of Czechoslovakia; Joe Rauch gave us his Thanksgiving Day Introspection.

We held an inter-city golf meet with Owensboro, Lexington, Carrollton, and Covington; the visitors won all the prizes. Target practice, horseshoes, and bowling went on throughout the year. We took fourth place in the mule race at the State Fair.

That year we inaugurated our annual Junior High School speaking and music contests. We had four membership group meetings, one for each five-year period of the Club's existence. Baby Rotarians attended a special school. At fireside meetings we made a survey of unfilled classifications, resulting in twenty-three membership additions. A survey of activities suitable for Club adoption was made; out of forty-two excellent proposals nineteen were selected for recommendation to the succeeding administration.

The middle of May, Vice President Mike Erskine took over the President's duties while the President was a guest of Irvin Abell at St. Joseph's. Presently came Tom Duncan with a yardstick, claiming to represent Lee Cralle, to take the President's measure. Tom complained afterward that when he as good as had the order booked, the President walked out on him. In belated recognition of Irvin's part in that walk-out, doubtless, the Club has just this year made him an honorary member.

RALPH HILL

## 1933-1934



M. F. Marx, President; S. Lyman Barber, First Vice President; Walton L. Hampton, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Hamilton L. Bruce, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Edward Altsheler, Edgar W. Busath, L. Sheldon Caron, Ralph E. Hill, James A. Means, Jr., Paul F. Semonin.

The record of any Rotary year is measured by the activities of the various Committees. The best way to evaluate such results is to recite the work of the active Committees.

The Boys' Work Committee, under the able leadership of Ernest F. Swindler, did splendid work. The Boys' Work Council of Louisville was formed under the auspices of our Boys' Work Committee, taking in representatives of all luncheon clubs and all organizations in Louisville doing Boys' Work, thus preventing duplication and overlapping and also synchronizing all Boys' Work done in Louisville. This was by far the most important and progressive step in Boys' Work ever taken in this city. This Committee also handled the Discussion Contest at the Junior High Schools and the Rotary Medal Award at the Senior High Schools.

The Crippled Children's Committee (Sidney Rosenblum, Chairman) functioned effectively, assisting in raising a sum of money considerably in excess of the amount anticipated.

The Program Committee (C. N. Mullican, Chairman) gave us unusually fine programs and did much to uphold the morale of the Club during this difficult period of the depression. Important speakers from the outside visited us and special attention was given to programs carried out by our own members.

The Public Affairs Committee (Huston Quin, Chairman) had many civic problems. Special mention should be made of the incident when it appeared that Louisville would lose its place on the Air Mail Map. The Committee sent Lawrence Palmer-Ball to Washington, along with a committee from the Board of Trade, and our efforts there were largely instrumental in saving the City's Air Mail Service.

The Fellowship Committee (George F. Leonard, Chairman), in holding up the morale and fellowship to a high point, did one of the finest jobs of the Rotary year.

Pinch hitting for the Frankfort Club, we held the District Conference here at Louisville on only one week's notice. It was a very successful conference.

M. F. MARX

## 1934-1935



S. Lyman Barber, President; Martin L. Schmidt, First Vice President; Henley V. Bastin, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; John G. Hager, Jr., Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—Walker Hill Bowman, William F. Gardner, M. F. Marx, James C. McCloy, Robert Montgomery, Huston Quin.

At the outset of our administration, we believed that the importance of acquaintance, good-will and understanding within the Club, was frequently over-shadowed by the desire to do something more commendatory from the outside. We made it our first objective to create a genuine spirit of fellowship, good-will and understanding among our own members, believing that the other ideals of Rotary would be served best by a sound foundation within.

Three important fundamentals of Rotary received immediate consideration—Fellowship—Attendance—Planned Programs.

**FELLOWSHIP**—Fellowship constitutes the cornerstone of a successful Rotary Club. Under the leadership of Bright Harris, the Fellowship Committee did an excellent job, and its work will be remembered by most of us.

**ATTENDANCE**—Absent members neither give, nor receive of fellowship, good-will and understanding in a Rotary Club. Our attendance record speaks for itself. A poor start gradually improved and reached a high mark in March with an attendance of 86.05%, the best single month in the Club's history. 160 of the Club's 247 members had 100% records. The second six months averaged better than 80%. A truly great record.

**PROGRAMS**—Under the able leadership of Harold Brigham, the Program Committee presented a series of Planned Programs designed for the purpose of interesting all Rotarians in matters of Rotary philosophy, business education and club interest. The following constituted a part of the group:

- (a) International Rotarians: Murray Hill, Bob Phillips, Bill Manier.
- (b) Important business and professional men: Hon. R. V. Fletcher, General Counsel, Association of American Railroads; Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, President W. & L. University; Hon. Edw. A. O'Neal, President American Farm Bureau Federation; Hon. Murray Seasongood, former Mayor of Cincinnati.
- (c) Our own members: Eighteen programs were presented by members of our own club.

S. LYMAN BARBER

## 1935-1936



A. B. Sawyer, Jr., President; Ferd A. Graham, First Vice President; William F. Gardner, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Frank W. Shook, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—S. Lyman Barber, John G. Hager, Harold E. Harter, Louis J. Herrmann, Lawrence Palmer-Ball, George W. Schardein.

In looking for the "highlights" of the Sawyer administration, as you requested, there just don't seem to be any. It must have been "just another administration."

Of course, we had a fine board of directors and swell committees—everyone in the Club was on some committee—but we didn't seem to do anything for the headlines.

One thing we did especially strive for was good programs and interesting meetings. I have long had the conviction that attendance is encouraged more by enjoyable meetings than by any other means, and set that as a main objective. When Nat Bloom agreed to take the Program Committee chairmanship, and to pick his own committee members, even though he was the number one charter member of the Prison Reform Club, I felt that the goal was more than half reached. The attendance figures for the year would indicate that we did not fail altogether in our efforts along that line.

Of our fifty-two meetings the programs for more than twenty were furnished by members of our own Club, and in my opinion, were among the most enjoyable. Then we had two past Presidents of Rotary International as speakers, and an outstanding vocational service talk when Martin got Charles F. Stone, of Atlanta, to give his talk, "Profits Without Honor."

Not the least accomplishment of our administration, largely through the efforts of Jimmy Means' Club Extension Committee, was the addition of twenty outstanding new Rotarians, who will make their contribution and add to the prestige of the Louisville Rotary Club in the years to come. We began the year with a membership of two hundred forty-nine and ended with one of two hundred fifty-eight.

Of course, I could very well say many flattering things about our administration, but probably it is too recent to get by with very much, so I will save that for the grandchildren.

A. B. SAWYER, JR.

## 1936-1937



Martin L. Schmidt, President; Harold F. Brigham, First Vice President; Pope McAdams, Second Vice President; J. Elliott Riddell, Secretary-Treasurer; Truman H. Jones, Sergeant-at-Arms.

*Board of Directors*—E. H. DeMoss, John Marshall, Harry W. Embry, Felix N. Pitt, A. B. Sawyer, Jr., Carl N. Warren.

Was our group proud of their selection to head Club No. 45 for 1937, the 25th Anniversary Year! We realized that we had a difficult task to measure up to the standard of past administrations. Efforts, continuous and definite, were aimed at the consummation of our announced platform of better acquaintance, friendship, goodwill and accomplishment.

Our administration, we trust, will be remembered for other things than high temperatures and deep waters. All of Rotary's objects were stressed, with emphasis probably on Vocational Service, International Rotary and Fellowship.

Balance was maintained in our programs and our presiding officers were credited with being friendly, patient and understanding. Our very enjoyable relations with other clubs in the district were maintained. A club for boys at the "Y" was started along an extended period of helpful service, we feel certain. Our contact in schools and in the work of the crippled child was continued. Rotary education, Club and Community Service were not overlooked.

We lost some valuable members, including the lovable first President of the Club, Lawrence L. Anderson. We gained some good material that will be heard from in the future. There is no guesswork to this prediction.

Our wholehearted thanks and full appreciation go out to the fine members of this Club in their sportsmanship, consideration and patience, with an especial feeling of gratitude to its organizers and charter members of 1912.

MARTIN L. SCHMIDT

## Our Secretaries



C. H. HAMILTON  
1912-1914



ARCH CAMPBELL  
1914-1922



ELLIOTT RIDDELL  
1922-\_\_\_\_\_

Presidents have come and gone, but our Secretaries have stayed forever. Even though our Constitution provides for the election of our Secretary each year, it has been a tradition in our Club that we re-elect the same person as Secretary as long as he remains with us.

In our twenty-five years we have had but three Secretaries—C. H. Hamilton, from 1912 until 1914, when he moved to California; Arch Campbell, from 1914 until 1922, when he moved to Winston-Salem, N. C.; and Elliott Riddell has held forth since that time.

This tradition of continued re-election would not have become established unless we had been unusually fortunate in the persons we had elected as Secretary. C. H. Hamilton was one of the founders of the Club and it was his enthusiasm and attention to detail that enabled our Club to get such a fine start. Arch Campbell combined in a most happy manner a sunny disposition with a capacity for detail. He carried the burden of the office without assistance until 1920, when permanent headquarters were opened on the mezzanine floor of the Watterson Hotel, with Miss Ethel Adsit as full-time assistant Secretary.

When Arch left Louisville in 1922, everyone thought the Club would "go to the dogs," but some happy fate directed us to a mountain boy by the name of Elliott Riddell. In Elliott (and the same was true of our other Secretaries) every President and administration has found a wise and sure counsellor. With all the mountain genius for quiet, unassuming patience and tact, with an unfaltering and steady adher-

ence to the fundamentals of Rotary, he has carried on the duties of the Secretary's office. His long experience with the detailed management of the Louisville Club and his wide acquaintance with Rotary affairs has been mainly responsible for the smooth functioning of Louisville Rotary.

No account of the Secretary's office would be complete without mention of Charley Harris—our Poet Laureate, Librarian and Historian. He has been responsible for the collection and preservation of the material relating to the history of Louisville Rotary. Without his unusual interest in such matters a great part of the history of the early days in Rotary could not be told.

When we moved from the Watterson Hotel to the Brown Hotel, in 1923, the Rotary office was located in the South Alcove of the mezzanine floor, but since 1935 it has been on the fourth floor. Our office contains a complete file of all the historical matter relating to the Club, as well as pictures of all of our past Presidents.

#### OUR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES

Miss Ethel Adsit—1920-1923.

Miss Belle Cochran—1923-1930.

Mrs. Margaret Butt—1930-1934.

Miss Bettie T. Ireys—1934.

# SPARKS



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## Next Rotary Luncheon

12:30 Sharp, Tuesday, Sept. 23

HENRY WATTERSON HOTEL

Of course you are coming.  
Be there a little earlier than usual.  
Get better acquainted!

Three prizes are offered for the three best "fill-ins" of the Rotary picture gallery—not Rogue's picture gallery.

Rotarians A. J. Anderson, Thos. J. Duffy and F. H. Goodridge will give a pretty stick pin, one dozen nice handkerchiefs, and a handsome necktie, to the three Rotarians who turn in the three best answers at this meeting. You'll enjoy this novel feature.

Who has that \$5.00 Rotary Bill? Bring it to this meeting and reveal its movements. You can then spend it as you like—provided it is with a fellow-Rotarian.

Where do you want "The Rotarian" sent—to your office or residence? It is suggested that your residence is the better place, because you have more time there to read. If you prefer your residence, please so indicate on your "attendance card" at this meeting; otherwise the Secretary will take it for granted that you want it to continue to go to your business address.

Forty-five

## SPARKS

The first issue of *Sparks* appeared in September, 1913 (see facsimile), under the sponsorship of Frank Bush. The second issue contains the following note: "The name *Sparks* was suggested by President Bush, because it readily suggests the wheel on which the idea of the Rotary Club is founded. Thus the name is both significant and easy to say and remember." Thus *Sparks* became the official news organ of the Louisville Rotary Club. It was published twice a month until 1927, when it was made a weekly.

*Sparks* has always been sent to our Rotary Anns, as well as to many Rotary Clubs and former Rotarians. There has been no activity which has contributed so much to our Club spirit. It is one of the most thoroughly read publications. It would have been impossible to have written this Twenty-five Year History of our Club if we had not had the complete bound copies of *Sparks* to tell the story of all of our meetings and various activities.

Almost from the first, Wade "Deacon" Sheltman has been the Editor of *Sparks*. In 1918 Alex Tippett was Editor. In 1919 Charles Gladfelter. In 1920 E. T. Hutchings. In 1921 J. H. Richmond. But since that year "Deacon" has been the Editor. Sometimes he was assisted by a committee, but our Secretary and Assistant Secretaries have been his main assistants. A number of individual Rotarians have made contributions, especially Charlie Harris and Tom Duncan. For several years, during the 1920's, Tom Duncan's column, under the heading "Inter Nos" was a feature of *Sparks* which was eagerly read by every member of the Club. His witty and interesting comment on the news of the Club and its members was one of the finest features of *Sparks*. From time to time Charlie Harris has contributed original poetry and historical facts about Rotary.

Not only has Deacon Sheltman edited *Sparks*, but his Paragraph, signed "Sheltman," has been a feature of *Sparks* for many years. This has been such a unique and interesting contribution to Rotary that we are reprinting several of them.

While this volume was nearing completion, "Deacon" Sheltman died on January 9, 1938, so that these paragraphs have an added significance as a record of his interpretation of Rotary.

## An Interpretation

Rotary is not the length and shadow of one man, but its greatness lies in the willingness and the consecration of every member to serve when called—not only collectively, but individually.

*Sparks*, April 23, 1929

*Sheltman*

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Someone asked a friend the question: "How is the world treating you?" But Rotary suggests this substitute: "How are you treating the world?" As ye sow, so shall ye reap.

*Sparks*, Oct. 23, 1928

*Sheltman*

## Long Live Rotary!

While physical blindness limits the use of a man's faculties, physical obstructions confine the vision, and the horizon may be only a step ahead, the eye of faith sees beyond the barriers, and those who dream accomplish great things. Rotary has the vision; Rotary is militant; Rotary lives in an atmosphere pregnant with big problems; Rotary inspires one with its daring—hence Rotary is profoundly concerned about the unfolding future. Once National, now International—has met in Edinburgh, Scotland; Toronto, Canada; will meet in Ostend, Belgium, and some day in Tokio, Japan. Its destiny is linked with all peoples, and its appearance is the promise of a new day.

"Long live Rotary—my Rotary."

*Sparks*, Nov. 23, 1926

*Sheltman*

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## Rotary on Guard

Suppose the mountains and the valleys, the hills and the plains, did absorb all of the cool and refreshing rains, and never sent their waters to the sea, then death would lurk in the vales and the by-ways, and all animal and vegetable life would disappear. And we know that terror and revolution would devour every creature of the earth, if it were not for the self-sacrifice of a multitude of men and women who give their all—lives and property—for their fellowmen. Whenever Rotary wavers in service for others, then she will have dismay and defeat awaiting in the offing.

*Sparks*, Sept. 11, 1928

*Sheltman*

## The Character Way

A great corporation with a million capital elected a new president. The one desideratum in this momentous decision was character—character draws big business. Business goes where they possess character. Character is not reputation—for it is an asset, it has real value. Character is the personification of all that is true and substantial. It takes a lifetime to build a great character, but when built, it is as eternal as the heavens. Men travel the Rotary way when they are building character.

Sparks, Dec. 8, 1925

Sheltman

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## Get Acquainted

Years ago a poor farmer living near Titusville, Pa., sold his place for a few hundred dollars and went to Canada in quest of a job in the oil business. Not long afterwards the new owners of this farm discovered oil, and millions of dollars worth of oil have been pumped out of this poor farmer's ground to enrich the owners. Get acquainted with your neighbor. There is untold wealth in your Rotary friendships. Let us give heed to the friendships all about us, and resolve that we will the more earnestly seek to develop their spiritual values.

Sparks, Feb. 26, 1929

Sheltman

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## Trifles Make Perfection

The little thoughtful service will never be lost—if “every idle word has to be accounted for” in the last great day. This statement being true, then why not believe that in the material world the same principle holds that nothing is ever lost—and maybe the millions of gallons of gasoline which pass through combustible engines can be reclaimed from the atmosphere to perform some other service for man. Ever onward, men of Rotary, the struggle is never over, and the sum of all our trifling little courtesies is the glory of Rotary.

Sparks, Sept. 25, 1928

Sheltman

## Louisville Rotary and Crippled Children's Work

In 1922 International Rotary suggested the possibility of service by Rotarians to crippled children. The Boys' Work Committee of our Club: Hunt Isert, Chairman; Julius Ellis, Vice Chairman; and Elliott Riddell, Secretary, immediately undertook a State survey. The preliminary findings were published in a twelve-page booklet dated January 11, 1923. The significant parts of this survey were as follows:

"There are 12,000 crippled children in Kentucky; this is a minimum—there are more. 50% of this number may be rehabilitated and thereby transformed into producers, where they are now dependents, and 75% may become self-sustaining and infinitely better fit for their future citizenship, and the remaining very much relieved. The cost to the community or the parents (and in the final analysis, the cost to the State) through the normal working life (40 years)—of these children (at a minimum of 70 cents per day) is \$8,000.00 each, and for the 12,000 so afflicted represents a total of Ninety-six Million (\$96,000,000.00) Dollars or \$2,400,000.00 per annum."

"At present there is no institution in the State of Kentucky, maintained by the State, and operated wholly to rehabilitate these crippled children, and make fit these future citizens."

"The task is so large, as is evidenced by the data gathered, that to handle it thoroughly, means the enlisting of State aid—but the opportunity is ours to blaze the way, and to do so by a modest example at least."

"We are only citing this as a possibility and are placing the project on its economical merits alone. The State spends much for the maintenance of its delinquents—spends much for its insane, and much for its criminals—then by what right do we neglect those who have a greater claim, and who, for a large part, can be made whole! If this or any project be sound from an economical point of view, it is not only feasible and possible of accomplishment, but the benefits resulting are lasting and good from every angle."

"Men—Rotarians—humanitarians, if we have been idle, let us say that we did not know the facts. Surely where there is no alternative—there can be but one answer—let's begin our work."

Subsequent studies, and the work of the State Crippled Children's Commission has proved that these facts were substantially correct.

Interest in Crippled Children was developing in other Rotary Clubs in Kentucky. A meeting of Rotarians was called in Covington on January 16, 1923. This was the formal launching of the Crippled Children movement in Kentucky. This meeting was sponsored by

Rotarian Dr. John Sullivan (who is recognized as the father of this work in our State). The conference was addressed by James H. Richmond, District Governor of the 23rd District. At this time the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children was organized. Julius Ellis was elected first Vice President and Dr. Barnett Owen was an active participant.

A meeting of the Society was held in Louisville, September 20, 1923, with the Louisville Rotary Club as host at a luncheon. Julius Ellis was elected Secretary of the Society. Articles of incorporation were filed. Louisville Rotary members signing were Ed McPhee and Henry S. Gray.

In 1924 headquarters of the Kentucky Society were established in Louisville, with Miss Marian Williamson as Field Secretary.

In 1924, when Yancey Altsheler was the President of the Rotary Club, it was reported that all but two of the two hundred and fifty-three members of the Louisville Rotary Club were members of the Kentucky Society and had paid their dues.

As a result of the work done by the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children, the State Legislature on September 15, 1924, passed legislation creating the Kentucky Crippled Children's Commission with an initial appropriation of \$20,000 a year.

The Society and Commission established joint headquarters in the State Board of Health Building, each organization bearing half of the expense.

Since the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children was organized in 1923, up to date it has raised in dues and in financial campaigns a total of \$298,568.39.

The total amount of money furnished to the Commission by the State since the beginning of the work in 1925 has been \$1,200,000.00.

To date there have been 11,285 crippled children examined at the Commission's clinics. Of this number 5,838 were given hospital treatment; forty per cent of this number have been readmitted to the hospital from one to eight times.

Annual Meetings of the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children were held with the Louisville Rotary Club at luncheons in January, 1928; February, 1930; March, 1931; March, 1934. A special meeting was sponsored by the Crippled Children's Committee with the Louisville Rotary Club, April 2, 1931, when the Crippled Children's Committee brought Dr. Charles Scott Berry, of Ohio State University, before the Club to discuss the subject of special education for crippled children. The Crippled Children's Committee was very active in trying to present this project to the Louisville Board of Education.

The Louisville Rotary Club has cooperated with the Society in each of its intensive financial campaigns. In 1928 Julius Ellis was state chairman of the membership campaign, which raised \$110,000 throughout the state. Henry Vogt was Louisville chairman, and largely through his efforts, and with the help of Julius Ellis and members of the Louisville Rotary Club, \$40,000 of this amount was raised in Louisville. William B. Pirtle served as chairman of the Louisville committee for the 1935 Seal Sale and Membership Campaign. Prentiss Terry served as state chairman of the 1935 campaign.

The following members of the Louisville Rotary Club have served on the Board of the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children since its organization in 1923:

Name	Date of Election and Length of Service
Julius G. Ellis (Vice Pres., Secy.)	Jan. 16, 1923-Sept. 24, 1926
A. Lee Marcum (Secretary)	Apr. 1926-Jan. 1929
E. S. Jouett	Jan. 1927-Jan. 1928
A. H. Thompson (President 1932)	Jan. 1928-Feb. 1935
Azariah Graves	Jan. 1929-Mar. 1931
James T. Howington	Feb. 1932-Mar. 1936
S. Lyman Barber (Treasurer)	Mar. 1934 to date, re-elected Mar. 1937
Prentiss M. Terry (Secretary)	Mar. 1935-Mar. 1936
William B. Pirtle (Secretary)	Mar. 1936-Mar. 1937

The following members of the Louisville Rotary Club have served as members of the Kentucky Crippled Children's Commission:

Nathan P. Bloom (Secretary-Treasurer)	Sept. 1924-July 1928
S. Lyman Barber (Secretary-Treasurer)	July 1932-to present date

The Louisville Rotary Club has contributed various sums of money and Christmas toys to the Kosair Hospital for Crippled Children, which was opened in May, 1926. Several Rotarians have been members of the Board of this institution, which has played such a useful and important part in this work.



## Sports

On August 27, 1914, the first Rotary Golf Tournament was held at Audubon Country Club, managed by a Committee of Frank P. Bush, F. W. Combs and C. H. Jenkins. There were prizes for low net, a booby prize and a blind bogey prize. The blind bogey was selected by the Club Professional, who must have been good old Bobbie Craigs, now a member of Rotary.

On August 12, 1920, a "Golf" meeting was held at the Watterson to boost the qualifying Tournament to be held the next week at Audubon. Allen Carter presided, and to awaken interest, he came with a dozen empty egg shells and a driver. Allen would tee up a shell and call a golfer from the audience to "hit it" and some wonderful form was shown. The last egg teed up had not been emptied, and when hit with a beautiful follow through, the fellows up front tried to mob Allen, but he escaped through a back door, while the rear ranks had a big laugh and the cleaners a big job.

At this meeting Allen and Frank gave to the Club the Carter-Bush Trophy, with the stipulation that a player must win it three times to become its permanent owner. There are five names on this cup—Frank B. Garver, 1920; Frank P. Bush, 1921; T. E. Ponder, 1923; Rudolph W. Englehard, 1924; and Dr. Philip F. Barbour, 1922, 1925, 1926.

In 1925 the invincible Dr. Barbour approached within one leg of the cup and the next year ran the putt down and took the cup home, where future generations of Barbours can view with pride this evidence of the fighting spirit and the deadly accuracy of their golfing ancestor.

After the first trophy was won, Frank Bush, from his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico, wrote the Directors offering to donate another cup, which was accepted and is still in play as the Bush Trophy.

The winners of this cup to date are: Ed M. Thoben, 1927-31; Frank H. Miller, 1928-'35; R. Brooks Brown, 1929; Stuart E. Duncan, 1930; Ham P. Caldwell, 1932-'34; Dr. Phil F. Barbour, 1933; Turner A. Summers, 1936; Louis J. Herrmann, 1937.

The Golf Tournaments proved so popular that the Rotary Picnic, held at K. M. I. during Col. Fowler's life, was combined with the Tournament and called the Rotary Frolic. Attractions for non-golfers were added, such as horseshoes, cards, dancing, etc., with appropriate prizes for each.

A pleasant incident of Rotary Golf was when, after 20 years' service as Golf "Pro", Frank Bush was called to the platform and "Big Boy" George Brinke, in no uncertain language, summed up all the Kicks against the Pro, and after calling him a Tzar, a crooked handicapper, and a few other nice epithets, presented him with a large Rotary emblem made up of the pictures of a hundred golfers, and handed him a beautiful set of golf clubs, with the hope that he could learn how to play golf.

Since Frank's retirement as "Pro", the tournaments have been ably managed by John Sullivan, Brooks Brown, Jr., and now George Brakmeier as "Pro".

Too much credit cannot be given to our real "Pro" Bob Craigs for his help and experience in keeping the tournaments strictly according to rules.

Many years ago Lexington was invited to send some golfers to Louisville and play against the Louisville Club. Four foursomes accepted and every year since Louisville and Lexington have exchanged visits and contested in matches that have not yet decided which are the better players, but have resulted in many warm friendships and brought the two cities closer together.

After the first Tournament, four members of Audubon, Henry Gray, Emile Bourlier, Fred Burdorf and Frank Bush, organized themselves into the "Rotary Foursome" to play each Thursday. The winnings from Syndicates, Dingles, Nassau and One Putts all went into a pot, with Henry Gray as treasurer. Periodically the pot was expended for a big dinner. This Foursome has played every week for over 20 years, with some changes in personnel, the present members being Ham Caldwell, Shel Caron, Dr. Tom Crutcher and Frank Bush.

The Louisville Club has been represented in a number of International Tournaments, but has never succeeded in bringing home a prize.

Under the management of Chas. G. Harris, horseshoe games are played at his home every week during the summer, while George Brakmeier gets together a number of rifle shooters at the Armory and a bunch of bowlers at the Madrid after the Thursday meetings.

All of these varied sport activities make for acquaintance and the friendships which are the basis of Rotary.



*Past Presidents' Dinner, August 7, 1931*

### **Past Presidents' Club**

After Bill Campbell retired as President of the Rotary Club in 1926 he entertained all the Past Presidents and outgoing and incoming officers at the K. & I. Headquarters at 26th and High Streets. This was the start of one of the finest traditions in the Louisville Rotary Club. It is now known as the "Past Presidents' Dinner" and takes place some time in August or September of each year, at Bill's Headquarters on High Street.

The Past Presidents and old and new officers enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun. At this time the retiring President is proposed for membership in the Past Presidents Club. If he meets the requirements of this honorable organization, he is elected to membership, but it often happens that the retiring President has proved himself unworthy of the trust, and his election is held over for one or two years. Some of the most cherished memories of the Rotary Club have been built around this annual Past Presidents' Dinner.

The Rotary Club of Louisville, and especially those who have attended this dinner, honor Bill Campbell as the patron saint of the Past Presidents' Club.

## MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE RECORD

Year	Average Membership	Percentage	President
1912-13.....	126	....	Anderson
1913-14.....	132	....	F. Bush
1914-15.....	158	....	Webb
1915-16.....	205	....	Buerck
1916-17.....	220	....	Daviet
1917-18.....	225	....	Richmond
1918-19.....	223	....	Sheltman
1919-20.....	221	....	Duncan
1920-21.....	233	....	Gladfelter
1921-22.....	240	....	F. Miller
1922-23.....	233	....	Chambers
1923-24.....	243	....	Bethel
1924-25.....	246	....	Y. Altsheler
1925-26.....	252	....	Campbell
1926-27.....	257	....	F. Johnson
1927-28.....	264	....	Howington
1928-29.....	258	....	Ellis
1929-30.....	257	....	Graves
1930-31.....	255	....	Pirtle
1931-32.....	252	....	Terry
1932-33.....	250	....	Hill
1933-34.....	249	....	Marx
1934-35.....	245	....	Barber
1935-36.....	252	....	Sawyer
1936-37.....	252	....	Schmidt

# PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

## Rotary Club of Louisville October 14, 1937—Total 266

### **Charter—1912**

Joseph Burge  
Frank P. Bush  
C. Oscar Ewing  
Paul P. Gaylord  
Chas. G. Harris  
Clarence T. Haydon  
George E. Hays  
John J. Saunders  
Wade Sheltman

### **1912**

Dr. C. W. Barnes  
Dr. J. T. Johnson  
Sam L. Hikes  
Louis K. Webb  
Fred Levy  
Robt. L. Hawes  
Dr. A. W. Nickell  
Fred Haupt

### **1913**

David C. McIntosh  
Fred G. Burdorf  
L. H. Long  
Frank T. Buerck  
Fred A. Clegg  
Edward Nord  
John Buchanan

### **1914**

W. E. Chambers  
A. Lee Marcum  
Robert Montgomery  
Thos. B. Crutcher  
R. Brooks Brown  
Arnold H. Levy  
Edw. L. Andriot  
J. Elliott Riddell  
Otis W. Pickrell  
William Hoke Camp  
Hamilton P. Caldwell  
Dr. Thomas M. Crutcher

### **1915**

J. A. Hillerich  
Herman Schaeuberger  
Philip S. Crutcher  
Joseph D. Burge  
Thos. B. Duncan  
S. E. Duncan  
G. A. Heuser  
Frank H. Miller  
T. V. Ponder  
Harry G. Talamini  
Carl P. Nachod  
Dr. W. Barnett Owens

### **1916**

E. T. Hutchings  
Alex W. Tippett  
Henry S. Gray  
T. Bert Wilson  
Wilton H. Terstegge  
Thos. J. Morrow  
Harry Wallace Embry

### **1917**

James T. Howington  
William K. Stewart  
Rev. Chas. P. Raffo

Charles H. Fritschner  
Dr. Raymond Grant  
Yancey R. Altsheier  
Edward S. Jouett  
Dr. Joseph Rauch  
William S. Campbell

### **1918**

John Marshall  
Peyton B. Bethel  
George M. Eady  
Tilford A. Ewing

### **1919**

Albert Bright Harris  
W. B. Hurley  
Ernest L. Vogt  
George A. Brakmeier  
Dr. Phil F. Barbour  
R. E. Vissman  
Chester W. Brickley  
M. F. Marx  
John L. Scott

### **1920**

J. B. Ohligschlager  
Dr. W. C. White  
Dr. A. T. McCormack  
George R. Bickel  
Paul F. Semonin  
J. G. Hunt Isert  
William E. Janes  
Nat P. Bloom  
Matt H. Collins  
Ferd A. Graham  
George A. Brinke  
John T. Moore  
Dr. Leon L. Solomon  
David Roland Bootes  
Frank E. Johnson  
Zenos E. Scott

### **1921**

Edwin J. O'Brien  
S. Vaughn Conner  
Albert B. Sawyer  
W. Basye Howell  
Eugene E. Pendergrass  
Martin L. Schmidt

### **1922**

Horace G. Brooks  
William B. Pirtle  
Keith P. Snyder  
Dr. A. P. Williams  
Edw. H. Hilliard

### **1923**

James M. Howey

### **1924**

Allen M. Bond  
Dean Richard McCready  
Mike A. Erskine  
Dr. Hart H. Hagan  
Frank C. Anderson

### **1925**

Mark Denunzio  
Robert F. Vaughan  
Roy C. Whayne  
L. Sheldon Caron

Arthur K. Whitelaw  
S. Lyman Barber

### **1926**

Henry Fruechtenicht  
A. W. Lissauer  
Dr. D. Y. Keith  
Rev. Felix Newton Pitt  
Frank B. Ayres  
Frank D. Rash  
Alex Galt Robinson  
Fred Borries  
E. S. Lotspeich  
William H. Tarvin

### **1927**

Edward M. Thoben  
George E. Roche  
Henley V. Bastin  
Chas. H. Duncan  
Walton L. Hampton  
Prentiss M. Terry  
Frank W. Owens  
Lee E. Cralle, Jr.  
Orville D. Harris  
E. H. DeMoss

### **1928**

Ralph E. Hill  
Walker H. Bowman, Jr.  
Paul Taefel  
Huston Quin

### **1929**

Col. C. B. Richmond  
Edw. J. Bosler  
C. Edgar Straeffer  
E. L. German  
James C. McCloy  
Ernest F. Swindler  
John F. Babbitt  
Turner A. Summers  
George F. Leonard  
Dr. Raymond Kent

### **1930**

James A. Means, Jr.  
Carl N. Warren  
Frank W. Shook  
John C. Bennett, Jr.  
Pierre B. McBride  
Edwin J. Helck  
Samuel L. Durham  
William E. Biggs  
Dr. Adolph O. Pfingst

### **1931**

E. Ray Turner  
Robert J. Shackleton  
John F. Sullivan  
David W. Fairleigh  
Edgar W. Busath  
Oscar Brockman  
Robert H. Craig  
Sidney Rosenblum  
Chauncey E. Beeman  
Louis J. Herrmann  
Harold F. Brigham  
William H. Butt  
Harold E. Harter  
John H. Harrison  
John G. Hager, Jr.

Cecil J. Embry  
Chas. N. Mullican  
Lawrence Palmer-Ball  
Tristram Shook  
John A. Miller  
George A. Bush  
Shirley W. Anderson

**1932**

Frank W. Rodenheber  
William F. Gardner  
Harold W. Tribble  
Albert Wilhelm  
Phil F. Laib  
Pope McAdams  
Stanley Newhall  
L. Owsley Haskins  
Neville Miller  
George Buechel  
Deroy Scott  
A. C. Ellis  
Goslee F. Geiger  
Truman H. Jones  
Harry H. Hughes  
Dr. John Walker Moore

**1933**

Thos. R. Price  
Samuel B. Storm  
Henri Weinberger  
Joe B. O'Brien  
Dr. Ben L. Brock  
Dr. Ivington V. Duell  
Erwin H. Schwarberg

**1934**  
Elmer H. Hancock  
W. R. Livermore  
Dr. Maurice G. Buckles  
G. Leonard Fels  
George C. Leachman, Jr.  
Frederick S. Thompson  
Fred W. Edwards

**1935**

Robinson S. Brown  
Thos. O. Helm, Jr.  
John H. Romann  
Samuel E. Ruley  
John B. E. LaPlante  
Cyrus S. Radford  
R. Brooks Brown, Jr.  
Garland L. Musick  
Jas. F. McCracken  
Hanson W. Haun  
Flournoy J. Jouett  
John H. McChord  
Thad W. Voils  
Chas. W. Lovell  
William G. Frederick  
John Welburn Brown  
Joseph A. Clapp  
Marion H. Cardwell  
Frank H. Gregg  
Hubert L. Dobbs

**1936**

Dr. William J. Martin, Jr.  
E. J. Wells  
Edward I. Ardern

William K. Allen Ferguson  
Fred D. Durham  
Nathan Lord  
John P. Potter  
Colton A. Merrill  
Edw. L. Altsheeler, Jr.  
F. W. Curran  
Edwin P. Kelly  
George Schuele, Jr.  
Mark Ethridge  
Richard S. Moore  
Arthur H. Dick  
Harrison F. Rich  
Rev. Peter H. Pleune  
Charles T. Lanham  
Richard Wheatley

**1937**

Gerard W. Pilcher  
I. Smith Homans  
Fehr Kremer  
W. J. Yager  
A. B. Loveman  
Dr. Irvin Abell  
Emmet F. Horine  
John E. Tilford  
George W. Caspari  
Richard R. Williams  
W. W. Bouterse  
Robert W. Riddell  
Homer L. Covert  
Wilbur Wintersmith Capron  
William A. Stoll  
T. Barton Baird

# Rotary Club of Louisville

## Complete Roster

### Elected, Accepted and Qualified Members

\*Member October 1937. †Died while a member. Those not marked are former members.

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| *Abell, Dr. Irvin        | Bond, J. Clarence          | *Campbell, William S.   |
| Alberts, J. B.           | Bond, J. Roy               | Camper, Syd D.          |
| Allen, George E.         | Booker, S. E.              | *Capron, Wilbur W.      |
| †Altscheler, Edward      | Boomer, George O.          | *Cardwell, Marion H.    |
| *Altscheler, Edward, Jr. | *Bootes, David Roland      | Carnahan, Robt. J.      |
| *Altscheler, Yancey R.   | Bornwasser, Chas. J.       | *Caron, L. Sheldon      |
| Amrine, L. H.            | *Borries, Fred             | Carrell, Dan            |
| Anderson, A. J.          | †Bosler, Edward J.         | Carter, Allen R.        |
| *Anderson, Frank C.      | *Bosler, Edward J., Jr.    | Caruthers, W. H.        |
| Anderson, Herman B.      | Bourlier, John N.          | Carver, R. S.           |
| †Anderson, Lawrence L.   | Bourlier, Emilie B.        | *Caspari, George W.     |
| Anderson, Sam McDowell   | *Bouterse, Major Wesley W. | Cassell, Frank          |
| *Anderson, Shirley W.    | Bowden, Ripley C.          | *Chambers, William E.   |
| Anderson, Warwick        | *Bowman, Walker Hill, Jr.  | Chowning, John R.       |
| *Andriott, Edward L.     | Boyd, David                | Churchill, John         |
| Archer, Frederick        | Bradsby, Frank W.          | *Clapp, Joseph A.       |
| *Ardern, Edward I.       | *Brakmeier, George A.      | †Clark, A. Wayne        |
| Armentrout, L. Vance     | Brakmeier, Gus W.          | †Clark, James, Jr.      |
| Arterburn, W. N.         | Brandeis, Robt. E.         | Clark, Walter S.        |
| †Atherton, John M.       | Breaux, G. A.              | Clegg, Albert W.        |
| Atherton, Peter Lee      | Breaux, S. Locke, Jr.      | *Clegg, Fred A.         |
| Attick, Purdy E.         | Breed, Lawrence W.         | Clifford, John G.       |
| Aubuchon, Tampton        | Brian, R. E.               | Cochran, Haywood        |
| Axton, Edwin D.          | *Brickley, Chester W.      | Coleman, Thos. C.       |
| Axton, I. T.             | *Brigham, Harold F.        | Collins, H. A.          |
| *Ayres, Frank B.         | *Brinke, George A.         | *Collins, Matt H.       |
| *Babbitt, John F.        | *Brockman, Oscar           | †Colvin, George         |
| Bagby, Roy A.            | *Brock, Ben L.             | Conen, Alex J.          |
| Baird, Chas. F.          | Brooks, C. W.              | *Conner, S. Vaughn      |
| *Baird, T. Barton        | *Brooks, Horace G.         | Conner, J. Verser       |
| Baird, W. J.             | Brown, A. G.               | Converse, Harry P.      |
| Baldwin, W. E.           | *Brown, R. Brooks          | Conway, Keith           |
| Ballard, S. Thruston     | *Brown, R. Brooks, Jr.     | †Cook, C. Lee           |
| Bannon, William P.       | Brown, John J.             | Coons, Henry M.         |
| *Barber, Lyman S.        | *Brown, John Welburn       | Coons, Samuel W.        |
| *Barbour, Dr. Phil. F.   | *Brown, Robinson S.        | *Covert, Homer L.       |
| *Barnes, Dr. Chas. W.    | Bruce, Hamilton L.         | Cowles, Fred A.         |
| Barnes, James P.         | Bruce, Helm, Jr.           | Cox, Attilla            |
| Barnett, Ira S.          | Bryan, Dr. J. T.           | Cozine, Sam H.          |
| †Bartlett, George B.     | *Buchanan, John            | Craig, Henry J.         |
| Basham, Thos. E.         | *Buckles, Maurice Gray     | Craig, Lawrence B.      |
| *Bastin, Henley V.       | *Buechel, George           | *Craigs, Robt. H.       |
| Baude, A. B.             | *Buerck, Frank T.          | Crain, G. D., Jr.       |
| Bayes, Harry H.          | Burbank, J. B.             | †Cralle, Lee E.         |
| Bean, Richard M.         | *Burdorf, Fred G.          | *Cralle, Lee E., Jr.    |
| Beckmann, Julius V.      | Burge, Fred                | Crawford, Brown C.      |
| Beckman, William B.      | *Burge, Joseph             | †Crawford, Newton G.    |
| *Beeman, Chauncey E.     | *Burge, Joseph D.          | Crawford, W. W.         |
| *Bennett, John C., Jr.   | Burkett, Harry J.          | Cross, George T.        |
| Benson, Andy T.          | Burks, W. Bowmer           | *Crutcher, Philip S.    |
| Bernstein, Joe J.        | Burnett, William A.        | *Crutcher, Thos. B.     |
| Berry, John T.           | *Busath, Edgar W.          | *Crutcher, Dr. Thos. M. |
| Besten, Henry            | *Bush, Frank P.            | *Curran, Wm. Farrell    |
| *Bethel, Peyton B.       | *Bush, George A.           | Curry, D. P.            |
| *Bickel, George R.       | Butler, Eugene E.          | Daviet, W. C.           |
| †Bickel, Henry           | *Butt, William H.          | Davis, Edward L.        |
| Bigelow, A. A.           | Byron, O. Elihu            | Davis, James B.         |
| *Biggs, William E.       | *Caldwell, Hamilton P.     | Davis, W. P.            |
| Billin, Reginald W.      | Caldwell, Wallace L.       | Day, George H.          |
| Birch, George Allen      | Callahan, P. H.            | Day, William H.         |
| Bishop, F. S.            | Callahan, R. Lee           | *DeMoss, E. H.          |
| Bishop, Theophilus       | Callaway, W. A.            | Difford, W. E.          |
| Black, William           | †Camp, James B.            | Denhard, Brooks         |
| *Bloom, Nathan P.        | *Camp, William Hoke        | *Denunzio, Mark         |
| Bodenschatz, George K.   | Campbell, S. Archibald     | *Dick, Arthur H.        |
| †Bomar, H. Vernar        | Campbell, Fred J.          | Dick, Rudolph Carl      |
| *Bond, Allen M.          | Campbell, Stuart C., Sr.   | Dittmar, L. J.          |

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- Dix, Philo Castle  
 \*Dobbs, Hubert L.  
 Dolfinger, Edward  
 Donohue, James J.  
 Dorsey, Edw. O.  
 Dow, David E.  
 Dowd, John S.  
 Dravo, Dr. Emory L.  
 †Drexler, Fred J.  
 \*Duell, Ivington V.  
 Duffy, Thos. J.  
 Dumesnil, Jos. P.  
 \*Duncan, Stuart E.  
 \*Duncan, Tom B.  
 Duncan, William G.  
 \*Dungan, Chas. H.  
 \*Durham, Fred D.  
 \*Durham, Samuel L.  
 \*Eady, George M.  
 \*Edwards, Fred W.  
 Eggers, Chas., Jr.  
 Elliott, Chas. T.  
 \*Ellis, A. C.  
 Ellis, Julius G.  
 \*Embry, Cecil J.  
 \*Embry, Harry Wallace  
 Embry, Wallace T.  
 Engelhard, A., Jr.  
 Engelhard, Rudolph W.  
 Engleman, Harry M.  
 \*Erskine, Michael A.  
 \*Ethridge, Mark  
 Evans, Harry G.  
 Ewald, H. C.  
 \*Ewing, C. Oscar  
 \*Ewing, Tilford A.  
 †Fairleigh, A. Huston  
 \*Fairleigh, David W.  
 \*Fels, G. Leonard  
 Feilshaw, Hiram Edwin  
 \*Ferguson, W. K. Allen  
 Fiedler, George H.  
 Fisher, Samuel B.  
 Fleer, Fredrick W.  
 Floyd, Walter  
 Ford, Ben O.  
 †Fowler, Col. Chas. W.  
 Frazier, Frank E.  
 \*Frederick, Wm. G.  
 Frick, Chas. P.  
 \*Fritschner, Chas. H.  
 \*Fruechtenicht, Henry  
 Fugina, Arthur R.  
 Gaines, Frank E.  
 Gans, Albert P.  
 \*Gardner, Wm. F.  
 Garver, Frank B.  
 Gatchel, Francis E.  
 Gates, John M.  
 Gathright, Jesse N.  
 \*Gaylord, Paul P.  
 \*Geiger, Goslee  
 \*German, Ernest L.  
 Gettys, Frank M.  
 Gheens, C. E.  
 †Gibbs, James D.  
 Gibson, C. Huntley  
 Girdler, Walter H.  
 Gladfelter, Chas. F.  
 Golden, William G.  
 Good, Frank E.  
 †Goodridge, Fleet H.  
 Gore, J. Lee
- Graf, H. J.  
 Graf, T. H.  
 \*Graham, Ferd A.  
 Grant, Dr. Owsley  
 \*Grant, Dr. Raymond  
 Graves, Azariah  
 Graves, Dr. Stuart  
 Gray, Downey M.  
 \*Gray, Henry S.  
 \*Gregg, Frank H.  
 Gregory, Leslie R.  
 Gresham, S. P.  
 Griswold, R. Arnold  
 Gross, E. L.  
 Grundy, L. Kay  
 Gutman, H. J.  
 †Gwin, Earl S.  
 Haager, Col. Jacob H.  
 \*Hagan, Dr. Hart  
 †Hager, John G.  
 \*Hager, John G., Jr.  
 Haggerty, C. H.  
 Haines, John Lewis  
 Hall, Dr. Gaylord C.  
 †Hall, William P.  
 Hamilton, C. H.  
 Hamilton, William K.  
 Hammer, John A.  
 \*Hampton, Walton L.  
 \*Hancock, Elmer H.  
 Hancock, Lon F.  
 Hannah, William M.  
 Hardin, Norbourne A.  
 Harding, C. P.  
 Hardwick, Fred W.  
 \*Harris, Albert Bright  
 \*Harris, Chas. G.  
 Harris, D. C.  
 \*Harris, Orville D.  
 \*Harrison, John H.  
 Harrison, William B.  
 †Hart, Carleton W.  
 \*Harter, Harold E.  
 Harthill, Dr. Alex R.  
 Harthill, Henry C.  
 Hartley, Byron W.  
 Harvey, Allen P.  
 Harvison, M. Stuart  
 \*Haskins, L. O.  
 \*Haun, Hanson W.  
 \*Haupt, Fred  
 \*Hawes, Robert L.  
 Hawkins, Hensley C.  
 \*Haydon, Clarence T.  
 \*Hays, Geo. E.  
 Heartick, Edward G.  
 Heaton, George E.  
 \*Helck, Edwin J.  
 Hemp, Thos. N.  
 \*Helm, Thos. Oliver  
 †Henry, J. Earl  
 Hetterman, William, Jr.  
 \*Hermann, Louis J.  
 \*Heuser, Gustav A.  
 Heymann, Dr. G. H.  
 \*Hikes, Samuel L.  
 \*Hill, Ralph E.  
 \*Hillerich, John A.  
 \*Hilliard, Edward H.  
 †Hirsch, Louis H.  
 †Hite, Alfred Herr  
 Hoke, Enloe B.  
 Holland, E. O.  
 Hollenbach, Louis J.  
 Hollinshead, Dr. Theo.
- \*Homans, I. Smith  
 \*Horine, Emmet F.  
 Horrigan, William James  
 Howard, Clyde  
 Howard, Eugene Sidney  
 \*Howell, W. Basye  
 Howell, Walter  
 \*Howey, James Moorman  
 \*Howington, James T.  
 Hughes, Frank C.  
 \*Hughes, Harry H.  
 Hughes, Morgan O.  
 Hughes, Robt. Elkin  
 Humphreys, J. J.  
 Hunt, Rev. M. P.  
 \*Hurley, William B.  
 \*Hutchings, Eusebius T.  
 †Hutchings, John B.  
 Inman, Harry C.  
 Isaacs, Edward G.  
 \*Isert, J. G. Hunt  
 Jackson, Kenneth B.  
 Jacobs, C. B.  
 Jacobs, George E.  
 Janes, Lafayette W.  
 \*Janes, William E.  
 †Jenkins, Chas. H.  
 \*Johnson, Frank E.  
 \*Johnson, Dr. John T.  
 Johnson, Dr. Jos. E.  
 Johnson, Dr. L. R.  
 Jolas, Jacques  
 Jonas, E. A.  
 Jones, Frank G.  
 †Jones, Fred G.  
 †Jones, Robert B.  
 \*Jones, Truman H.  
 Jones, Willis O.  
 \*Jouett, Flournoy J.  
 \*Jouett, Edward S.  
 Kammerer, L. J.  
 Kannapell, George L.  
 Kaufman, Sidney  
 Kaye, Arthur  
 Keisker, Chas. H.  
 †Keisker, Fred W.  
 \*Keith, Dr. David Yandell  
 Kellenberger, S. C.  
 †Kelley, Milburn P.  
 \*Kelly, Edwin P.  
 Kelly, Robert E.  
 †Kendrick, George P.  
 Kennett, William L.  
 \*Kent, Dr. Raymond A.  
 Key, Henry W.  
 \*Kiefer, Cary Baker  
 †Kimmel, Horton I.  
 Kimmerling, A. R.  
 Kincheloe, William P.  
 Kincheloe, Robt. D.  
 Kirk, J. M.  
 Klapneke, Chas. G.  
 Kline, D. E.  
 Kniskern, Chas. Beckham  
 Kopmeier, George  
 †Krebs, Philip H.  
 Kreissl, Hans G.  
 \*Kremer, Fehr  
 Kresge, Stanley L.  
 \*Laib, Phil F.  
 †Lau, Abe  
 \*Lanham, Chas. T.

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- \*La Plante, John B. E.
- LaVielle, W. Robinson
- \*Leachman, Geo. C.
- \*Leonard, Geo. F.
- Levi, Emanuel
- \*Levy, Arnold H.
- \*Levy, Fred
- Lieber, Fred H.
- Liggett, David C.
- Lincoln, Frederic B.
- \*Lissauer, A. W.
- †Little, Nelson T.
- \*Livermore, W. R.
- Livingston, Arthur E.
- \*Long, Latimer H.
- Longstreet, Joseph E.
- \*Lord, Nathan
- \*Lotspeich, Edgar S.
- \*Lovell, Chas. W.
- \*Lovejoy, A. B.
- Lucas, William B.
- Lund, F. W., Jr.
- Lyman, David R.
- MacDonald, A. T.
- \*McBride, Pierre B.
- McClaskey, Dr. Ben
- \*McAdams, Pope
- \*McChord, John H.
- \*McCloy, James C.
- McClure, Herbert F.
- McConnell, John R.
- \*McCormack, Dr. Arthur T.
- \*McCracken, Jas. F.
- \*McCready, Dean R. L.
- McDonald, Donald J.
- †McDowell, Robinson A.
- McGill, Henry C.
- McGill, T. L.
- \*McIntosh, David C.
- McKellar, Robert L.
- McKercher, Lawrence H.
- McKin, Robt. J.
- McPhee, Edwin L.
- †Mahon, James C.
- Mann, O. R.
- \*Marcum, A. Lee
- Marshall, John
- \*Martin, William J.
- Martin, William L.
- \*Marx, M. F.
- May, R. R.
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Nov.	21, 1915	A. S. Rice
Jan.	17, 1916	John Bacon Hutchings
June	17, 1916	Charles H. Jenkins
Sept.	30, 1918	E. Douglas Roberts
July	15, 1919	Fred G. Jones
Nov.	14, 1919	James B. Camp
Jan.	17, 1920	Enos Spencer
Feb.	4, 1920	Alfred Struck
Feb.	6, 1920	J. Earl Henry
Feb.	12, 1920	Abe Laube
Aug.	30, 1920	Clement B. Spalding
Sept.	26, 1922	James C. Mahon
Feb.	13, 1923	Alfred H. Hite
Mar.	22, 1923	Charles W. Fowler
May	23, 1923	A. Glen Stith
Sept.	1, 1923	Arthur E. Shaner
Sept.	26, 1923	Robert B. Jones
Dec.	12, 1923	Robert A. McDowell
Aug.	21, 1924	Edward J. Bosler
Dec.	18, 1924	James T. Short
Feb.	13, 1925	Fred S. Schmidt
Aug.	9, 1926	Louis H. Hirsch
Aug.	20, 1926	Julius Shapin
Mar.	11, 1927	Caldwell Norton
Jan.	29, 1928	Horton I. Kimmel
April	25, 1928	C. Lee Cook
July	22, 1928	George Colvin
Aug.	26, 1928	Earl S. Gwin
Sept.	4, 1928	Charles S. Potter
Oct.	30, 1928	William H. May
Jan.	19, 1929	Fred J. Drexler

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May	3, 1930	Milburn P. Kelley
May	3, 1930	Philip H. Krebs
Dec.	6, 1930	Carl Shackleton
Dec.	9, 1930	George T. Settle
June	4, 1931	Newton G. Crawford
June	23, 1931	John G. Hager
Oct.	19, 1931	Henry Bickel
Dec.	6, 1931	John M. Monohan
June	3, 1932	David M. Sweets
June	5, 1932	John M. Atherton
July	19, 1932	Ray G. Ratterman
Dec.	22, 1933	H. V. Bomar
April	4, 1934	Theo. B. Wintersmith
April	22, 1934	Harry J. Meyer
April	29, 1934	George D. Heaton
Aug.	4, 1934	Lee E. Cralle
Feb.	25, 1935	George B. Bartlett
Aug.	13, 1935	Edward Altsheler
Oct.	9, 1935	James Clark, Jr.
Feb.	1, 1936	A. Wayne Clark
Feb.	25, 1936	Charles A. Parker
June	20, 1936	William P. Hall
Aug.	13, 1936	Fred W. Keisker
Oct.	31, 1936	Fleet H. Goodridge
Oct.	31, 1936	Carleton W. Hart
Dec.	28, 1936	Henry Vogt
April	12, 1937	James D. Gibbs
May	13, 1937	George W. Schardein
June	26, 1937	Lawrence L. Anderson
Sept.	7, 1937	George P. Kendrick
Sept.	29, 1937	A. Huston Fairleigh

## WADE SHELTMAN

The following tribute to Wade Sheltman was read at the Rotary meeting on January 13, 1938:

"A long and useful life came to a close when Wade Sheltman died January 9, 1938. He was a Charter Member of the Louisville Rotary Club, a Past President, for many years editor of *Sparks*, and a participant in numerous Rotary activities. No one has been more completely a part of the entire history of Louisville Rotary. With his family, in business, in community service, and in his participation in the activities of our Club, he has been the exemplification of all that is finest in Rotary tradition.

"'Deacon'—as he was known to his friends—was a term of respect and affection. His deep spiritual qualities and outstanding moral force, commanded the respect of all who knew him. His broad tolerance, and warm human sympathy, endeared him to everyone. 'Deacon' loved Rotary, and Rotary loved 'Deacon'."







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